

**TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
May 5, 2022
10:00 a.m.**

Town of Edisto Beach
Town Hall
2414 Murray Street
Edisto Beach, SC 29438

Present: Chairwoman Leslie Varner Hurley, Judith Blancett, Matthew Kizer, Rick Moore, Robert Pratt. *Quorum of Committee Present.*

Absent: Tyler Von Neida, Mike Hobson.

Present Ex Officio: Town Administrator Iris Hill, Assistant Town Administrator Mark Aakhus, Police Chief Steve Miano, Municipal Clerk Dee Stalvey.

Call to Order: Since Chairwoman Hurley was running a bit late, Vice Chairman Matthew Kizer called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Moore moved to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2022, ATAX meeting, seconded by Mrs. Blancett, and approved unanimously.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

- A. **Expiration of two terms August 2022** – The following terms will be expiring in July 2022: Leslie Varner Hurley, Hospitality (not eligible for another term), and Tyler Von Neida, Hospitality/Lodging, (not eligible for another term). Vice Chairman Kizer thanked Chairwoman Hurley and Mr. Von Neida for their service on the ATAX Board.
- B. **ATAX Fund Balance** – Chairperson Hurley reviewed the ATAX fund balance with the Board. Mr. Kizer moved to approve the ATAX fund balance, seconded by Mr. Pratt, and approved unanimously.
- C. **ATAX Project Balance** – Chairperson Hurley reviewed the ATAX project balance with the Board. Mr. Kizer moved to approve the ATAX project balance, seconded by Mr. Moore, and approved unanimously.
- D. **ATAX Applications**
 1. **Town of Edisto Beach, Bell Buoy Bond Debt, \$50,000** - Chairperson Hurley reviewed the application for the Bell Buoy Bond Debt with the Board. Mr. Kizer moved to approve the Bell Buoy Bond Debt application, seconded by Mr. Pratt, and approved unanimously.

2. **Town of Edisto Beach, Beach Renourishment, \$150,000** - Chairperson Hurley reviewed the Beach Renourishment application and asked Administrator Hill to make comments on the topic. Administrator Hill discussed moving ATAX funds for future beach renourishment; there is no current end date, but when we do the project, the money will be spent. Mr. Kizer moved to approve the application for beach renourishment, seconded by Mrs. Blancett, and approved unanimously.
3. **Edisto Beach Police Department, Law Enforcement, \$60,412**
Chief Miano informed the Board this request is for one law enforcement officer for the next year, and includes salary and benefits, as well as annual fuel costs, training, and annual upkeep of communication equipment. The Chief noted the Town of Edisto Beach is safe as a community, but law enforcement presence is important, along with educating the public, and increasing proactive enforcement. Mr. Moore moved to approve the Edisto Beach Police Department application for law enforcement, seconded by Mr. Pratt, and approved unanimously.
4. **Edisto Art Guild – Arts in the Park, \$3,600**
The Edisto Art Guild proposes a series of concerts during the summer months with different types of music, and free to the public. This request is for promotional purposes and to widen the promotions regionally. Mr. Kizer moved to approve the Edisto Art Guild application, seconded by Mr. Moore, and approved unanimously.
5. **Edisto Island Lions Club – Bingo, \$7,500**
Regarding the Edisto Island Lions Club application, there was concern expressed by the Committee members about the use of the proposed funds in relationship to the State's Tourism Expenditure Review Committee (TERC) guidelines. Mr. Luckadoo noted there are operational needs and maintenance needs of equipment and facility used for Bingo operations for tourists, and Town Administrator Hill noted she would work with the Edisto Island Lions Club regarding the wording of the funding request. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve this funding request upon revision of the document. Mrs. Blancett seconded the motion and approved unanimously.

Adjournment – Mr. Pratt moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Kizer seconded the motion, and approved unanimously.

APPROVED BY THE ATAX BOARD


Dominica Stalvey, Municipal Clerk
August 4, 2022