

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH**  
**BEACHFRONT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**February 9, 2023**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Present:** Bob Ringer, Paul Oakley, Pat Deloach, Stanley Hergott

**Absent:** Dallas Lovelace (excused), Dave Blauch (excused), Matthew Kizer (excused)

**Present Ex-Officio:** Town Administrator Mark Aakhus

**Staff Present:** Municipal Clerk Dee Stalvey

**Call to Order**

Due to the excused absence of Chair Dallas Lovelace, Mr. Ringer called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes – January 12, 2023**

Mr. Oakley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 12, 2023. Mr. Hergott seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**Old Business**

**CSE Groin Project - Update on Groin 2**

Town Administrator Aakhus noted Coastal Science and Engineering (CSE) began this project on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Forms were built and concrete poured, and it is currently curing. They will complete the work no later than February 10<sup>th</sup>. Work will also include the resituating of the rocks, and leveling down the drop-off we had at Beach Access 1, but that will come back whenever we have high tide.

**Update on USACE Project**

Town Administrator Aakhus noted the Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) was just finalized, and the agreement will be signed on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Following the signing, we will work to schedule presentation scenario and logistics with this Committee.

Mr. Aakhus also noted the following regarding this project:

- Over \$3 million has been noted for work-in-kind; may still be slightly adjusted further.
- The Town should not need to provide for out-of-pocket items.
- The Mayor, Town Council, Mr. Aakhus, and local legislators and officials will be present at the agreement signing.
- Following the signing, the USACE will send their engineering team here to start drafting the lines and how the flow will be from property to property so we can have this information to prepare our communication piece for the public. The USACE will also come back and for a rehearsal presentation to this Committee prior to the open house for residents.

## New Business

### Coastal Science Engineering (CSE): 2017 Beach Restoration and Groin Lengthening Project Annual Assessment Report

Mr. Aakhus noted the following items from the Annual Assessment Report:

- The beach gained a bit of sand this year, 2.3 cubic feet between July 2021 and July 2022. Due to the extension of the groins, some sand has been captured and the sand is kept in the cells; and it is more shallow so we have more sand in inter-tidal areas. At this rate, the project area beach will reach pre-project (December 2016) volumes within four to five years.
- Progressive growth in island-wide volumes along Edisto Beach from November 2005 (prior to 2006 renourishment) through July 2022.
- Mr. Oakley noted we were losing four feet annually, which has been a steady downward trend. Mr. Aakhus noted we may have received some sand from the Eddingsville Beach area this year, but not sure where Eddingsville Beach received the sand.
- Mr. Aakhus also noted the groin at Beach Access 31 (page 47 of the report), and the CSE recommendation to capture more sand by extending the groin, but this would have an impact down the beach.
- The State Park lost a good bit of sand.
- The Annual Assessment Report was presented to Town Council on February 6 by Steve Traynum. Once Mr. Aakhus receives Mr. Traynum's slide presentation from the Council meeting, he will forward to this Committee.
- Mr. Ringer asked what role CSE will play after USACE begins their work here. Mr. Aakhus noted CSE will have the same role as they have had as there is still work to do independent of the USACE project, as well as periodic renourishments. The Town is also responsible for a level of maintenance such as vegetation and fencing, and we have a maintenance schedule to follow. Mr. Aakhus also noted at tonight's Council meeting, approval of the renewal agreement with CSE will be on the agenda.
- Discussion held on the open house presentation with residents. The Committee agreed that this will hopefully take place on May 25.
- Mr. Aakhus noted only some minor impact from Hurricane Nicole, so a full-on survey is not needed.

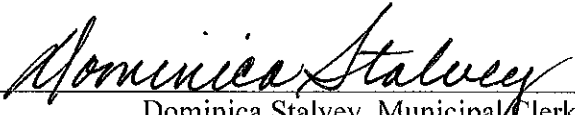
### Other Issues/Concerns/Information

- The March 9 Beachfront Management Committee meeting will be held at 11:15 a.m. due to the SC Beach Advocates virtual meeting which Mr. Aakhus must attend.
- Mr. Aakhus talked about Senate Bill 282, which proposes an annual trust fund for public beaches, and local municipalities can compete for this money to be used for beach nourishment. It includes a 50% match at the municipal or county level. Mr. Aakhus noted we can split the municipal match with the county. Mayor Moore spoke at the subcommittee hearing, and the motion at the subcommittee level passed unanimously. A press conference for this bill is scheduled for next week.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Oakley moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hergott seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**APPROVED BY THE BEACHFRONT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

  
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Dominica Stalvey, Municipal Clerk  
March 9, 2023