

MINUTES

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH

September 19, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Present: Jody Kleckley, Chair; and John David Griffith, David Ballard, and John Drolet, Committee Members. *Quorum of Members Present.*

Absent: Lou Rasmussen (excused)

Others Present: Town Administrator Mark Aakhus, Utilities Director Patrick Zemp, and Municipal Clerk Donna Iskra

Call to Order:

Chair Kleckley called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes - June 20, 2023:

Mr. Keckley moved to accept the minutes of June 20, 2023. Mr. Drolet seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

Old Business:

A. Update on Moratorium

Town Administrator Aakhus reported Pump Station B is closed out with no issues. Grant money has been received for completion. The RIA courtesy review is complete and now out for bid and Pump Station A construction timeline should track similar to Pump Station B. Staff confirmed the Moratorium will be lifted once Pump Station A is complete.

B. Update on Meter Readers Grant Application

The Town received funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 last fiscal year earmarked in the State budget for the automatic meter readers. The Town has applied for an additional one million dollars in grant money to cover any shortfall. The Town's Lobbyist is working to advance this project, and this is a priority for Town Council.

New Business:

A. Update on Hurricane Idalia Issues

Ocean Ridge MPOA is working on compiling a list of contractors to get options for repairing the broken pipe. They have received preliminary pricing and are working with DOT. Mr. Zemp stated that DHEC reported the overflow event was minimal with no damage to town infrastructure. Mr. Aakhus discussed the need for a written protocol to be in place on how to stage the lagoon when water issues occur. One mosquito treatment has been completed and additional ones will be done as needed.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Ballard made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Drolet. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED BY THE WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE



Donna Iskra, Municipal Clerk
February 20, 2024