

**TIDE COMMITTEE**  
**February 5, 2025**  
**3:00 p.m.**  
**Edisto Beach Town Hall**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Gary Cantrell, Chair; Eyde Graves, Vice-Chair; Betsy Daise, Lisa White, and Ron Johnson, Members

**Absent:** Camille Lemon and Lynne Grout

**Staff Present:** Town Administrator Mark Aakhus and Municipal Clerk Donna Iskra

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cantrell at 3:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Graves made a motion to approve the minutes of January 8, 2025. Ms. Daise seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**Town Administrator Updates**

Mr. Aakhus reported on the following items:

- Mr. Aakhus presented the South Carolina Trails sign stating *the Trail Project received assistance from the Recreational Trails Program in cooperation with South Carolina Trails and the Federal Highway Administration*. There was discussion on what location at Jungle Road Park would be optimum for visibility. There will be additional signage for the park and parking lot.
- One load of crush-and-run has been delivered to Jungle Road Park bathrooms, and more will be ordered if needed.
- Mr. Johnson noted the overgrown vegetated area at the park behind the sand pile. Mr. Aakhus will confirm with Lyons Contracting they are addressing this area.
- Mr. Aakhus noted showers are stubbed out at Jungle Road Park bathrooms but there are no plans to install showers at this time.
- Mr. Aakhus reported ten new signs have been received for Palmetto Boulevard and are ready for installation.
- Beach Access signage has been ordered.
- An ATAX request is on the upcoming agenda for new posts and ropes for beach access points.
- QR codes on signage will be designed to give visitors and residents information on Edisto Beach wildlife.
- Reflectors damaged from the recent snow scraping will be replaced by DOT and the Edisto Beach Fire Department.

## **New Business/General Discussion**

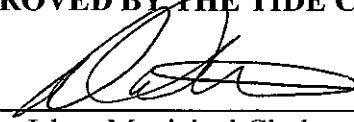
- A. Update on KEB Activities (Chair Cantrell and Vice Chair Graves)
- Determination is being made as to whether KEB is a 501c3/Non-Profit.
  - KEB is promoting recycling and is considering collection boxes at beach accesses for fishing line.
  - Grants are available but have not been requested, plans are being made for 2025.
  - An app is being developed to calculate the amount of trash being collected.
  - Island-wide clean-up is scheduled for March 22, 2025.
  - KEB will assign more beach accesses available for adoption at their next meeting.
  - Consideration by KEB on installing a Watergoat at the causeway to help remove trash and debris.
  - A TIDE representative should be present at every quarterly KEB meeting.
  - Discussion of KEB partnering with TIDE for a recycling event.
- B. Sign Replacement
- Mr. Cantrell reported 17 street signs missing.
  - Mr. Aakhus reported the majority of the signs have been ordered and received. The Public Works Department is currently assembling and preparing to install them. A second order will be placed for the remaining signs.
- C. Shred Event
- The Shred Event is scheduled for April 26, 2025, from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. The truck will be set up in the Town Hall parking lot allowing people to drive through and drop off their documents.
  - Mr. Cantrell recommended placing signs at different locations to advertise the event. Mr. Aakhus noted we will advertise on the Town's website as well as in the Monthly Highlights.
- D. Open Discussion
- Mr. Johnson requested an update on Burley L. Lyons Park Boardwalk. Mr. Aakhus noted some concerns from nearby residents about trash, crowds, parking etc., however, this project is part of the Town's Recreational Plan and is for residents and visitors. There are no additional recreational facilities/amenities planned for the park; just green space and a boardwalk.
  - Mr. Johnson requested an update on the bike paths. Mr. Aakhus stated the DOT grant funds will pay for the repaving of specific bike paths and the Town has purchased a sweeper to maintain them.
  - Ms. Graves suggested moving the flashing sign to an area that would not obstruct the Edisto Beach Welcome sign, Mr. Aakhus stated the sign could be moved to a different location.
  - Mr. Johnson asked about the possibility of the TIDE Committee requesting funds through the ATAX Board. Mr. Aakhus stated they can but added they can also freely make requests directly from Council for projects.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. White made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Graves seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

**APPROVED BY THE TIDE COMMITTEE**



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Donna Iskra, Municipal Clerk  
March, 5, 2025