

**TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
April 24, 2025
3:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

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

Present: Judith Blancett, Mike Hobson, Marie Bost, Brandon Jackson, Tommy Sandel, and Tyler Von Neida (*Quorum of Committee*)

Absent: Chair Leslie Hurley (*excused*)

Staff Present: Town Administrator Mark Aakhus, Assistant Town Administrator Dee Stalvey, and Municipal Clerk Donna Iskra

Call to Order

Mr. Hobson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Von Neida moved to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2025 ATAX meeting. This motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson and unanimously approved.

New Business

ATAX Project Balance Report

After discussion was held on the Project Balance Report, Ms. Bost made a motion to approve the ATAX Project Balance Report as presented. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ATAX Fund Balance Report

After discussion was held on the Fund Balance Report, Ms. Bost made a motion to approve the ATAX Fund Balance Report as presented. Ms. Blanchett seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ATAX Applications

1. **Town of Edisto Beach: Pickleball Nets and Bench**

- Mr. Aakhus Town Administrator presented an ATAX application for the purchase of pickleball nets and a bench. The Town will purchase one bench and four (4) semi-portable, retractable pickleball nets in order to serve the growing community of pickleball players. Many of our visitors stop by Town Hall to borrow the pickleball sets which contain a net and paddles. Having pickleball nets will accommodate the pickleball population and will provide more convenience to the players and the Town.

- Following discussion, Mr. Von Neida made a motion to recommend to Town Council the approval of ATAX funds in the amount of \$3,200 for the pickleball nets and bench. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
2. Ocean Ridge Master Property Owners Association: Club Cottage Area Drainage Project
- An application was presented from the ORMPOA in the amount of \$35,000 for the purpose of cleaning approximately 1500' of drainage ditch, removing trees, limbs, silt and debris impeding flow of storm water coming through Club Cottage/Ocean Ridge from the Fort, Lee, and Billow Street areas.
 - After discussion Mr. Hobson made a motion to recommend to Town Council the **denial** of this request for ATAX funds in the amount of \$35,000 for the Club Cottage Area Drainage Project. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, which was approved.
 - Yeas: Mr. Hobson, Ms. Blancett, Ms. Bost, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Sandel
 - Nays: None
 - Abstained: Mr. Von Neida
3. Edisto Art Guild: Edisto Plein Air Paint Out
- Ms. Christian Sternkowski presented an ATAX application for the Edisto Art Guild Edisto Plein Air Paint Out in the amount of \$4,845 This is a competitive landscape painting event which celebrates the gently developed landscape of Edisto Beach. The event brings in out-of-town visitors and tourists and has 100 registered participants.
 - Mr. Von Neida made a motion to recommend to Town Council the approval of ATAX funds in the amount of \$4,845. Ms. Bost seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
4. Edisto Art Guild: Arts in the Park Summer Series
- Ms. Galaida presented an ATAX application for the Edisto Art Guild Arts in the Park Summer Series in the amount of \$3,200. The aim for Arts in the Park is to bring premier talent to Edisto, fostering a sense of community and cultural enrichment for all. The event attracts an average of 400 attendees per concert, totaling 1,200 concertgoers.
 - Ms. Bost made a motion to recommend to Town Council the approval of ATAX funds in the amount of \$3,200. Ms. Blancett seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
5. Town of Edisto Beach: July 4th Family Fun & Fireworks Show
- Ms. McElveen, Special Event Coordinator for the Town of Edisto Beach, presented an ATAX application for the July 4th Family Fun & Fireworks Show in the amount of \$15,000. The event will be open to all, free of charge, culminating in spectacular fireworks.
 - Mr. Jackson made a motion to recommend to Town Council the approval of ATAX funds in the amount of \$15,000. Mr. Sandel seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Sandel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Bost seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE ATAX BOARD

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Donna Rizer", is written over a horizontal line.

Donna Rizer, Municipal Clerk

November 6, 2025