

TIDE COMMITTEE
October 1, 2025
3:00 p.m.
Edisto Beach Town Hall

Minutes

Present: Gary Cantrell, Chair; Camille Lemon, Lynne Grout, Ron Johnson, Lisa White, Members

Absent: Edye Graves

Others Present: Town Council Member Jerome Kizer, Town Administrator Mark Aakhus, Assistant Town Administrator Dee Stalvey, Municipal Clerk Donna Rizer

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Grout moved to approve the TIDE Committee meeting minutes of September 3, 2025. The motion was seconded by Ms. White and approved unanimously.

Town Administrator Updates

Town Administrator Mark Aakhus reported on the following items:

- The Town's Transportation Alternatives Program Bike Path Improvement Project for Lybrand Street, Dock Site Road, Yacht Club Road, Edisto Street, and Lee Street is in the design phase, no updates.
- The paving on Jungle Shores Bike Path Project is complete. Additional signage has been ordered and will be installed. Small stop signs will be placed on the path at the intersection of Jungle Shores Drive and Portia Street. Quotes are being sought for aggregate to be installed in low-lying areas along the path.
- South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) vacuumed the storm drains on Palmetto Boulevard in anticipation of possible heavy rains. Mr. Aakhus noted SCDOT maintains Town storm drains periodically. SCDOT also completed four (4) sidewalk repairs on Palmetto Boulevard this week.

Old Business

Osprey Nest Platform

At its September meeting, Town Council approved the TIDE Committee's recommendation to build an osprey nest platform at Burley L. Lyons Park. Mr. Cantrell, Committee Chair, visited Burley L. Lyons Park with two members of the National Audubon Society and with noted ornithologist and Edisto resident, Dr. Sidney Gauthreaux. Dr. Gauthreaux advised the best location at the park for the osprey nesting tower and noted the planned elevated walkway will alleviate the trampling of the marsh and will allow the regrowth of the marsh grass. Mr. Aakhus contacted a company who is willing to donate the pole and installation to the Town, and nest platform design drawings have been provided.

Mr. Aakhus noted the company who will build the platform is prepared to begin construction once the boardwalk is completed. Mr. Cantrell has marked the location suggested by Dr. Gauthreaux, and the committee members are in agreement. Mr. Cantrell proposed propagating lantana to be placed at the base of the platform. Ms. Lemon and Ms. White volunteered to help with the planting.

Butterfly Garden

At its September meeting, Town Council approved the TIDE Committee's recommendation to create a butterfly garden at Jungle Road Park. Mr. Cantrell presented renderings from local butterfly garden designer Ereka Nunnally, illustrating the potential appearance of the proposed butterfly garden. Committee members admired the design and commented it would be a beautiful addition to the park.

The cost of the butterfly garden is undetermined as the specifics are still being defined. Mr. Aakhus will draft a scope of the work before the next TIDE Committee meeting. Then, the project will be sent out for bid. Additional funding sources, such as available grants or ATAX funding, may be pursued.

Convenience Station

Mr. Cantrell noted improper sorting of recyclable materials by convenience station users remains a persistent issue. Mr. Aakhus indicated one solution may be to extend the hours when the convenience station is staffed by an attendant.

Open Discussion

- The committee requested an update on the yellow pavement markings along Palmetto Boulevard. Mr. Aakhus indicated the markings will be completed this month.
- Ms. White asked about the timeline regarding the Burley L. Lyons Park appeal in the State of South Carolina Administrative Law Court. Mr. Aakhus noted he has not been provided any updates.
- The Town is still awaiting word from SCDOT as to when the Jungle Road paving project will begin. The state contract for this project runs through 2026.
- Mr. Johnson expressed appreciation for the seasonal mat removal at beach accesses. It was noted beach accesses now have one trash can each, and trash pickup is now Mondays only.
- Committee members indicated the home on Jungle Road, previously identified as presenting safety and health hazards, has since been cleaned and remediated.
- Mr. Aakhus reported Mayor Moore attended the September meeting of the Colleton County Legislative Delegation. Mayor Moore voiced concerns regarding the regulation of e-bikes and e-scooters and noted the delegation responded receptively. Mayor Moore, Mr. Aakhus, and Police Chief Seyle will continue discussions on the issue.
- It was noted there are two (2) hydrants on Dock Site Road that may need replacement.

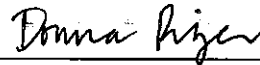
- Committee members noted the success of the Jungle Road Bike Path repaving, citing a noticeable increase in its usage.
- There is a dead cedar tree along Dock Site Road, as noted in the previous TIDE Committee meeting. Members noted additional unsightly brush in the area. Mr. Aakhus has contacted The Plantation Course regarding the tree.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

APPROVED BY TIDE COMMITTEE



Donna Rizer, Municipal Clerk
December 3, 2025