

Beachfront Management Committee
December 11, 2025
10:00 a.m.
Edisto Beach Town Hall

Minutes

Present: Dallas Lovelace, Chair; Marie Bost, Vice-Chair; Stanley Hergott, Paul Oakley (via conference call), Members

Staff Present: Town Administrator Mark Aakhus, Municipal Clerk Donna Rizer

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lovelace at 10:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Bost moved to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2025, Beachfront Management Committee meeting. Mr. Hergott seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Town Administrator Updates/Old Business

Mr. Aakhus reported on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Project:

- A meeting was held November 21, 2025, to discuss the Town's Coastal Storm Risk Management (CSRM) Project. Appraisal requirements were discussed.
- A "dual premise appraisal," accompanied with a legal opinion, will be completed utilizing both special and general benefits. Ultimately, a legal determination by USACE will be made as to which method is appropriate under the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions (UASFLA).
- As the scope of the appraisal reports has grown, the terms of the Town appraiser's contract will be updated.
- Once the dual premise appraisals are completed, the final determination on the classification of benefits will be made.
- The late 2026 project timeline remains the current goal.

New Business/Open Discussion

Mr. Aakhus reported on the potential sand scraping:

- Coastal Science & Engineering (CSE) assessed the beach in September and October 2025.
- CSE indicated a large-scale sand scraping is not warranted at this time, though it was noted there are 22 homes located within 20 feet or less of the high-water line.
- Small-scale sand scraping could be performed in these areas; however, the effects would be temporary.

After discussion, the committee agreed the Town Administrator should obtain pricing to be prepared if needed but should monitor the conditions for now.

Mr. Oakley made a motion to take no immediate action and continue monitoring, with the issue to be revisited in March 2026. Mr. Hergott seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Bost made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hergott seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

APPROVED BY THE BEACHFRONT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Donna Rizer

Donna Rizer, Municipal Clerk

July 9, 2026