



**Memorandum**

To: Carteret County Beach Commission

From: Ryan Davenport

Re: Carteret County Beach Commission Meeting March 27th, 2023 – Minutes

**Attendance**

Commission Members Danny Navey (Chair), Mayor Brodman (Co-chair), Mayor Holland, Austin Waters, Larry Corsello, Darryl Marshall, Brooks Graham, Donald Hardy and secretary Ryan Davenport, and the general public.

**(1) Call to Order**

Chairman Navey called the meeting to order. Introductions of each commission member present were made.

**(2) Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Brodman made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 27th regular meeting with minor changes to Topic 3. Commissioner Graham provided a second for the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**(3) Discussion on Beaufort Inlet Dredging**

Ryan Davenport presented the plans by the US Army Corps of Engineers to excavate the Morehead City Harbor and the subsequent placement of spoils on Ft. Macon and Atlantic Beach. This project would occur during the 23/24 winter. The ACOE is proposing to place up to 800,000 cu yd along 3.54 mi of beach. This project would be done at no cost to Atlantic Beach or Carteret County. The non-beach compatible material from the inner harbor would be placed in an offshore ODMDS cell.

**(4) Discussion on Bogue Inlet Dredging**

Ryan Davenport presented plans by the US Army Corps of Engineers to excavate the AIWW crossing at bogue inlet and the subsequent placement of spoils on Emerald Isle. ACOE estimates that 30,000-50,000 cu yd of sand will be placed on Emerald Isle at no cost to the Town or County. The ACOE has proposed an option of excavating an additional 30,000-50,000 cu yd of sand from a “Widener” to be funded by local governments. Ryan Davenport will be working with ACOE to acquire a cost estimate for this phase of the project. He will also be working with State officials to determine what level of funding could be provided by NC DWR Shallow Draft funds.

**(5) Discussion on Indian Beach/Salter Path Dune Project.**

Ryan Davenport and Doug Huggett opened a discussion amongst the Beach Commission about the concept of excavating the channel into Homers Point with subsequent dune placement in Salter Path/Indian Beach. Mr. Davenport and Mr. Huggett recommended that sediment analysis should be conducted in the proposed channel to ensure dune compatibility. An estimate of \$7,000 to \$10,000 was given to the Commission for the analysis. It was stated that Shallow Draft funds could cover 75% of the project but that this initial investment could not be reimbursed. A motion was made by commissioner Don Hardy to authorize Mr. Davenport to move forward with the sediment analysis and not to exceed \$10,000. Mayor Brodman provided a second. The motion passed unanimously. Further discussion around timing of the project as it related to moratoriums occurred. Chairman Navey stated that the beneficial use in this type of project benefits everyone.

**(6) Occupancy Tax Update**

Ryan Davenport presented the latest Carteret County Occupancy Tax update to the Commission. He stated that Occupancy Tax appears to be on trend with recent years. In January of 2022 a total of \$499,299.23 was collected. In January of 2023 a total of \$453,852.65 was collected.

**(7) Other Business**

Ryan Davenport provided an update from Ward and Smith on CBRA efforts. Mr. Mike McIntyre feels assured that another bill will be introduced to Congress in 2023 to update CBRA layers. Ward and Smith will remain vigilant in protecting the best interest of the Beach Commission.

**(8) Public Comment**

No one provided public comments.

**(9) Adjourn**

Next meeting to be held April 24<sup>th</sup> 2023