



Memorandum

To: Carteret County Beach Commission

From: Ryan Davenport

Re: Carteret County Beach Commission Meeting March 28th, 2022 – Minutes

Attendance

Commission Members Danny Navey(Chair), John Brodman (Vice-Chair), Austin Waters, Larry Corsello, Jimmy Farrington, Tom Rule, Jason Holland, Darryl Marshall, Kyle Lagos, Mike Luther and secretary Ryan Davenport, and the general public.

(1) Call to Order

Chairman Navey called the meeting to order and stated the first order of business is to approve the minutes from the Feb. 14th meeting.

(2) Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Corsello made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 14th, regular meeting. Commissioner Broadman provided a second for the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

(3) Introduction of New Members

Chairman Navey introduced new commission members Mayor Jason Holland, Kyle Lagos and Darryl Marshall. Each new member was given a chance to tell a few things about themselves.

(4) Room Occupancy and “Beach Fund” Update

Chairman Navey turned the floor over to secretary Ryan Davenport to provide an update on Room Occupancy Tax. Mr. Davenport stated that a total of \$299,728.41 was collected in the month of January 2021 and that \$449,455.87 was collected in the month of January 2022. A breakdown of tax between hotels, rental homes and online collections was provided. These numbers indicate that the tourist economy of Carteret County continues to be very strong.

(5) Resolution of CAMA General Permits and Floating Structures

Secretary Davenport introduced to the commission a proposed resolution to encourage CAMA to extend the expiration dates of General Permits from 120 days to one year. Commissioner Farrington made a motion to support this resolution. Mayor Broadman provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary Davenport introduced to the commission a proposed resolution to oppose permanent floating structures on shellfish leases. Chairman Navey opened the discussion and stated that we may need to table this topic until more information can be obtained. Commissioner Farrington also felt that we should wait on this resolution stating that he recognizes the benefits of shellfish mariculture but did not have enough information to move forward with a resolution on opposing floating structures at this time. Further discussion among all commissioners occurred discussing the pros and cons of such a resolution. Secretary Davenport stated the commission could restrict its resolution to Bogue Sound. Commissioner Corsello made a motion to approve the resolution. A second was provided by Commissioner Waters. Commissioner Farrington voted not to approve the resolution while all other commissioners present voted to approve the resolution. The motion was passed. Secretary Davenport and Chairman Navey agreed to work on the language of the resolution together.

(6) Sand Search and Beach Survey Update

Secretary Davenport began this update by introducing Chris Freeman with Geodynamics as the project leader for the Sand Search and Beach Survey. Mr. Freeman educated the commission on survey methodology and what the data collected will provide. He stated that data collection was complete in State waters and surveying operations outside State waters has begun.

Secretary Davenport asked Mr. Freeman to provide an update on the bi-annual beach survey. Mr. Freeman stated that all data had been collected for the spring survey and would be sent to Moffatt and Nichol for interpretation.

(7) Nomination Committee

As Chairman, Mr. Navey nominated commissioners Tom Rule, Jimmy Farrington and John Broadman to serve on a Nomination Committee. This committee will provide the commission with possible new members to the Beach Commission as needed.

(8) Other Business

Secretary Davenport provided pictures of an erosion escarpment in Salter Path. He stated that it is hopeful this area of the beach will heal itself once Spring weather patterns return. Commissioner Marshall stated that as a life long resident of Salter Path, he has seen this type of event in this location many times. Secretary Davenport provided some updates on inland waterway projects (Taylor Creek, Cape Lookout, Core Sound). Secretary Davenport finished by informing the commission of some tracking data of Atlantic Sturgeon during the 2020 nourishment project. Commissioner Brodman asked that the budget approved by County Commissioners be included in the next Beach Commission meeting.

(9) Public Comment

No one asked to speak during public comment.

(10) Adjourn

Chairman Navey declared the meeting adjourned