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## **Memorandum**

To: Carteret County Beach Commission

From: Ryan Davenport

Re: Carteret County Beach Commission Meeting May 23rd, 2022 – Minutes

### **Attendance**

Commission Members Danny Navey(Chair), Austin Waters, Larry Corsello, Tom Rule, Jason Holland, Darryl Marshall, Kyle Lagos, and secretary Ryan Davenport, and the general public.

### **(1) Call to Order**

Chairman Navey called the meeting to order.

### **(2) Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Corsello made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 25th, regular meeting. Commissioner Waters provided a second for the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

### **(3) Ward and Smith CBRA Proposal**

Secretary Davenport provided a copy of the Engagement Letter for Ward and Smith to provide legal services pertaining to the proposed CBRA layer in Bogue Inlet. Commissioner Corsello asked several questions about details of the Engagement Letter. There was discussion on the need for this service. Mike McIntyre with Ward and Smith answered questions remotely. Commissioner Corsello provided a motion to approve the Engagement Letter. Commissioner Waters provided a second. The Beach Commission voted unanimously to recommend this Engagement Letter to Carteret County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Rule provided a motion to place \$100,000 in legal contracted services to cover this additional expense. Commissioner Lagos provided a second. The motion was passed unanimously.

### **(4) Bogue Inlet Survey Update**

Anna Atencio with Geodynamics provided an update to the Beach Commission about the December 2021 survey of Bogue Inlet. She presented a slide deck showing gains and losses of sand in Bogue Inlet. Surveys over several years indicate that Bogue Inlet is migrating East but remains in the “Safe Box”.

**(5) Sand Search Update**

Chris Freeman with Geodynamics provided an update on the Sand Search. He stated that data collection was 99-100% complete. Preliminary observations of the data indicate several areas of good sand. These areas will be confirmed with vibracores and more in-depth data analysis.

**(6) Recommendation of Brooks Graham to be Appointed to the Beach Commission**

Secretary Davenport informed the Commission that Brooks Graham had applied to the County to serve on the Beach Commission. Commissioner Rule asked for more feedback on how Mr. Graham was recruited. Secretary Davenport stated that Mr. Graham is well known by Mayor Brodman and Commissioner Coresello and very respected in his community. Commissioner Rule provided a motion to recommend Mr. Graham for appointment. Commissioner Lagos provided a second. The motion was approved unanimously.

**(7) Other Business**

Secretary Davenport informed the Commission that the Coastal Storm Damage Mitigation Fund has been made available and may provide \$750,000 in matching funds back to us from our investment in the Sand Search. The deadline for application is July 8, 2022. Moffatt and Nichol staff will be helping the Shoreline Protection office in completing the application.

Secretary Davenport provided a list of all expenditures from FY 2021-22 for the Commission to review. Most line items in our budget have come in under budget. The audited balance of the Beach Fund was \$17,500 last July. This data combined with a Occupancy Tax trending up should put the Beach Fund balance at an estimated \$20,000,000. The Commission discussed the cap of the Fund balance.

Commissioner Waters asked why more emphasis is not placed on placing waterway spoils on ocean beaches. Secretary Davenport, Moffatt and Nichol Staff and other Commissioners discussed the difficulties in this concept.

**(8) Public Comment**

No one asked to speak during Public Comment

**(9) Adjourn**

Next meeting June 22, 2022

NOTE: A special vote was held on June 20, 2022. The Commission voted unanimously for a resolution to support a proposed revision to the SHALLOW DRAFT NAVIGATION CHANNEL, DREDGING AND LAKE MAINTENANCE FUND COST-SHARE.