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## ***Memorandum***

To: Carteret County Beach Commission

From: Ryan Davenport

Re: Carteret County Beach Commission Meeting July 24, 2023 – Minutes

### **Attendance**

Commission Members Danny Navey (Chair), Mayor Brodman (Co-chair), Brooks Graham, Austin Waters, Larry Corsello, Darryl Marshall, Donald Hardy, Tom Rule, Jimmy Farrington and secretary Ryan Davenport, and the general public along with Rep. Celest Cairns

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

Chairman Navey called the meeting to order.

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

Tom Rule made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 26th regular meeting. Commissioner Corsello provided a second for the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

### **(3) Discussion on “Beach Fund” \$30,000,000 Cap**

Ryan Davenport reintroduced the discussion on the \$30,000,000 “Beach Fund” cap and invited Rep. Celeste Cairns to be a part of the Conversation. Ryan Davenport began the discussion with the history of the legislation that created the “Beach Fund”. Senate Bill 465 capped the fund at \$15,000,000 and House Bill 533 capped the fund at \$30,000,000 in 2013. Davenport then provided data on the cost break down of each nourishment project back to 2001. Mayor Brodman pointed out that each project had to be funded up front and any available grants would reimburse us. Danny Navey pointed out that there is no guarantee that State or Federal funds would be available in the future. Rep. Cairns discussed the total cost of Phase 1-3 of Florence. Rep. Cairns also mentioned that timing of the legislature would also affect when this change could occur. The consensus of the Commission is that the cap should be removed. Jimmy Farrington stated that the County Commissioners as a whole would discuss their preference on any proposed changes. Larry Corsello made a motion to pass a resolution asking the NC Legislature to remove the “Beach Fund” cap. Mayor Brodman provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

### **(4) Occupancy Tax Update**

Ryan Davenport reported that a total of \$1,086,434.28 was collected in May. This is basically even with what was collected in May of 2022.

**(5) Other Business**

Ryan Davenport presented the update from Ward and Smith on CBRA. He also confirmed that the Beaufort Inlet ACOE project was out for bid. He reported that the State of the Beach and Bogue Inlet Survey would be presented by Moffatt and Nichol at the next meeting. Homers Point sediment sample has been taken and we are awaiting on results before further design.

**(6) Public Comment**

No one provided public comments.

**(7) Adjourn**

Next meeting August 28, 2023