



Memorandum

To: Carteret County Beach Commission

From: Ryan Davenport

Re: Carteret County Beach Commission Meeting May 22nd, 2023 – Minutes

Attendance

Commission Members Danny Navey (Chair), Mayor Brodman (Co-chair), Tom Rule, Jimmy Farrington, Brooks Graham, Austin Waters, Larry Corsello, Darryl Marshall, Donald Hardy, Kyle Lagos 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

Jimmy Farrington made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 24th regular meeting. Commissioner Waters provided a second for the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

(3) CBRA Contract Extension

Ryan Davenport reintroduced the contract extension with Ward and Smith for governmental support on the CBRA layer at Bogue Inlet. The agreement would be good for another year and the total fee would remain at \$5,500. Mike McIntyre with Ward and Smith made a brief presentation on what has been accomplished over the past year and what would be worked on in the upcoming year. He answered various questions from Beach Commission members. Jimmy Farrington made a motion to extend the contract for another year. Brooks Graham provided a second. The motion passed unanimously. Ryan Davenport stated that he would prepare a memo to the Carteret County Board of Commissioners for final approval.

(4) Bogue Inlet Widener Cost Estimate

Ryan Davenport presented an estimated cost estimate from ACOE to purchase 160,000 cubic yards of sand from an upcoming Bogue Inlet dredging project. The total cost of the project would be \$2,665,000.00. NCDWR would cover 75% (\$1,998,750.00) of the cost. Emerald Isle has indicated that they would cover 12.5% (\$333,125.00) of the match. Mayor Brodman provided a motion to support the project as described with the agreement of Emerald Isle. Further discussion among the board occurred about what would happen if Emerald Isle did not support the project. Ryan Davenport stated at that

point the widener portion of the project would be a “no go” and ACOE would move forward with their portion of the project. Ryan Davenport also discussed how this money would be budgeted. Austin Waters provided a second for the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(5) 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 March of 2022 a total of \$593,605.64 was collected. In March of 2023 a total of \$492,347.10 was collected

(6) Other Business

In other business Doug Huggett with Moffatt and Nichol provided a brief update on the Sand Search. He also stated that a Wilmington based engineering firm had been contracted with to take geotechnical samples from the Homers Point channel. He also stated that this will come in well within the \$10,000 approved budget for the study.

(8) Public Comment

No one provided public comments.

(9) Adjourn

Next meeting June 26, 2023