



**TOWN OF HOLDEN BEACH
INLET AND BEACH PROTECTION BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2019 10:00 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Myers called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were Chair Vicki Myers, Vice Chair Mike Pearson, Members Dean Thomas, Ronda Dixon, and Tim Gible.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Member Dixon to approve the agenda, second by Member Gible; approved by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Myers wanted to add reporting on the MOA meeting to the minutes of November 21, 2019 in the 1st paragraph under Status of the Beach, Inlets, and Issues to make clear for folks not at our meeting.

Motion by Vice Chair Pearson to approve the minutes as amended, second by Member Thomas; approved by unanimous vote.

STATUS OF BEACH, INLETS AND ISSUES

The following was the status of the inlet and beach projects given by Assistant Town Manager Ferguson:

- Sand Search-Data collection and analysis continues with ATM coordinating with subcontractors. They are looking for good weather to finish things up. The magnetometer and side-scan/multi-beam efforts will be separate due to differing requirements and transect spacing for the 500-meter hardbottom buffer.
- Inlet Crossing/Bend Widener Project- Staff met with the agencies and dredge company last week. Pipe was put on the beach through the end of last week. Pumping began late Monday, December 16th and will go through early January. They anticipate pumping approximately 7000 cubic yards per day with a total of a little over 200,000 cubic yards expected from the project. This dredge is new to Goodloe Marine, as they only had it four to five months. Production volumes may be different than expected. They are expecting nighttime operations. Town Manager Hewett added that the 200,000 cubic yards is in situ. The amount of sand on the beach is going to be less due to the water that runs out during the process. He has seen

different academic papers over the course of 40 years that give explanations of the variability in this process. He has seen these explanations range anywhere from 15% to 60%.

- UNCW is planning a site visit to start collecting data. We provided a shapefile with survey lines per their request and honored a request for a gator to use while they are here for this initial trip.
- Florence/Michael Projects- We received an award announcement for Michael in the amount of \$8 million plus. We received an award announcement for Florence in the amount of \$15 million plus this week. We still have to receive and sign approved PWs. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson made a statement to make sure the board understood that besides the amount of work that goes into the grants portal, there is a lot that goes into networking and contacts made. Success of the project is based on networking. She said credit needed to be given to Town Manager Hewett for Florence moving this week.
- For Dorian, the extra surveys should be complete by the end of this week and Fran will begin his analysis for an updated memo to FEMA. He expects to get that to FEMA by mid-January. We are continuing to upload information in the grants portal.
- We are still waiting to hear about the project study selection for the 50-year project.
- Fran is coordinating with DCM and the Corps for permit extensions on the SDI-5 permit.

Member Dixon asked about the Inlet Hazard Area meeting held at the county. Town Manager Hewett explained that it falls under the purview of the Planning and Zoning Director. Since it is not on the agenda he would hate to comment. Chair Myers added that an article came out stating she was at the meeting and that she was a member of the IBPB, but she didn't represent herself as a member of the board when she spoke. She said she didn't talk to the reporter. She was there as a citizen.

Member Gible asked about the 200,000 cubic yards and the in situ process Town Manager Hewett referenced. He wondered if that was the case in previous efforts since it is stated that we need 200,000 cubic yards per year to keep the beach stable. Town Manager Hewett said it was similar to the past. Chair Myers asked if the Town will get a survey. Town Manager Hewett said the survey would go to the Corps because they are the primary contractor. Chair Myers asked about the table in our plan being updated. Town Manager Hewett said whatever the amount is will be reflected in the surveys that are part of the annual monitoring report. He said it may be included in the table as well.

Chair Myers asked about the Merritt visiting. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson stated that they had to go to Oregon Inlet and will come back at a time to be determined.

Chair Myers asked about the Christmas tree project. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson said that she had coordinated with local businesses about getting the leftover trees after the season. She is coordinating with the boy scouts toward a conservation badge in putting those out in January. They are going to get back to her. Vice Chair Pearson is working on the project as well.

Chair Myers brought up the HBPOA getting feedback about people in the dunes and remote-control cars in the dunes. She hoped signs that were included in the budget will be helpful. Town Manager Hewett

said that he would like that information coming to the HBPOA passed to the Town because we are not cognizant of such information. That gives the Town the opportunity to coordinate with the individuals and hopefully remedy the reports. He said it could perhaps be curtailed when it happens.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON QUARTERLY IBPB NEWSLETTER

Chair Myers said that the title of the Oceanfront and Inlet Management Plan should be reflected correctly. She asked about there being a direct link for that and the monitoring report. For beach renourishment, she asked for the newsletter to be updated to what was in Assistant Town Manager Ferguson's speaking notes. Member Thomas asked about adding information under projects that the UNCW collaboration, mats, and signs were part of the budget this year.

Motion to adopt the newsletter with changes discussed by Member Thomas, second by Member Dixon; approved by all.

DISCUSSION FOR MEETING SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING YEAR

Chair Myers asked about the meeting schedule for the upcoming year that was part of the agenda packet.

Motion by Member Gibble to adopt; second by Member Thomas; approved by all.

Member Dixon asked about terms ending this year. The board discussed terms.

INLET AND BEACH BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brunswick Shoreline was postponed until January. Chair Myers asked if the Town could send something out when the date comes out. Town Manager Hewett mentioned open meetings law and that we need to know if a quorum is going to attend so we can send out a notice. Chair Myers said our next meeting is January 23, 2020. Chair Myers talked about the IHA meeting and that she was there as an individual.

CONSENSUS OF SHORT REPORT TO THE BOARD

Assistant Town Manager Ferguson stated that we were trying to streamline the process. She said when the IBPB memo is being constructed by the board they are repeating things in her status of the beach and inlet report. Sometimes they are also repeating things that the BOC has already heard from Town Manager Hewett at their meeting. In the agenda setting meeting, we discussed trying to just have Assistant Town Manager Ferguson's report attached to the IBPB's memo to cut down on time and the repetitive process. Member Thomas asked about adding the items from the plan. He thinks adding active and inactive status to projects out to the side on the list may help the commissioners when they are looking at the projects. Chair Myers says she thinks we should be reporting progress on things in the plan. Town Manager Hewett added some comments. He said he thinks the operational aspects of implementing the Oceanfront and Inlet Management Plan falls to the manager. He thinks it is redundant to make a report to this board and then have the IBPB turn around and make a memo to the BOC. He takes exception to the fact that Member Thomas said it is hard for the commissioners to keep track of projects. He goes to great lengths to make sure the commissioners are informed in the manager's report and the mid-term report. He thinks this is a tedious process. He said the IBPB's role is to develop a plan and it is the manager's role to carry out the operational responsibilities. Chair Myers said the board has to submit a report each month. She said she agrees that sometimes it seems

awkward. She said it is a summary of what is going on. Town Manager Hewett stated the text of the officers' duties says the Chair should submit a report in writing of suggestions, plans, and recommendations and the like to the Town Clerk. He said he thinks that is vague and it isn't very clear as to what the board is to do. He doesn't think it is very efficient. He stated the work of telling the BOC what is going on falls to the Town Manager. The commissioners have not supplied him with additional comments to the contrary. Chair Myers talked about the joint meeting with the BOC where they were instructed to write a memo each month. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson referenced that none of the other town boards send forth a monthly memo unless it is related to a specific project. Chair Myers said where she comes from what is happening now is what she was told by the BOC at that joint meeting, so she is going to wait until she hears from the BOC to change it. Member Thomas said he agrees and maybe it can be a part of the review process that Commissioner Kwiatkowski is working on.

Chair Myers said we have what Assistant Town Manager Ferguson gave as her report. She has added things in her memo. She read aloud from her draft memo. She covered items Assistant Town Manager Ferguson gave in her status of the inlet and beach report. The process was discussed. Chair Myers said we are split here. We can either attach the report or try to summarize what happened and what was discussed in the meeting. Town Manager Hewett said we agreed at the agenda setting meeting that the report should be attached to the preamble memo. Vice Chair Pearson said we should attach Assistant Town Manager Ferguson's report to the IBPB memo to the BOC. Take out stuff in the memo that is in the report and add in other information that is not in the report. The items were discussed as to how it should be laid out and what the IBPB should report in this month's memo. Town Manager Hewett said we are going to ask the BOC what their expectations are as far as the manager's role in implementing the operational aspects of the plan.

Motion by Member Thomas to adopt the memo as amended for this month; second by Member Gibble; approved by all.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Kwiatkowski said she wanted to speak as a west end resident. She said one of the residents there did call the police about kids playing with motorized cars in the dunes. It was high season and you don't expect the police to respond for that sort of thing in high season. She said there is less than 10 permanently occupied houses on the west end. She said unless there is some education people who are there will not know what is destructive behavior. She wondered if a pamphlet may be useful with information about protecting the dunes. Member Thomas said that would be a great thing coming back to the IBPB in her new format. Chair Myers said she thinks Commissioner Kwiatkowski is on target with it being an education issue. She said people just don't know. She talked about tents and chairs in the dunes and photographers in the dunes.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn (10:57 p.m.) by Member Thomas; second by Member Dixon; approved by unanimous vote.