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MEETING DATE: *June 30, 2026*

TO: Board of Aldermen
FROM: E.L. Faison, Interim Town Manager
DEPARTMENT: Administration
SUBJECT: North Carolina Department of Water Resources: Flood Mitigation Application

SUMMARY:

The Board of Aldermen are requested to approve submittal of this grant application to the North Carolina Department of Water Resources (NCDWR) for a flood mitigation project. Time is of the essence, applications for this program are due June 30th.

The project is structured as two phases, this grant application will potentially fund Phase II, cost \$199,600, and includes a local match of \$480,000, from Phase I, an existing grant, for a total project budget of \$679,600. This project, (Phase II), if funded, leverages an existing grant funded project (Phase I) from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety-Division of Emergency Management (NCDPS-NCEM) "#DRMG2304#", which has funded (2) Stormwater Projects, approximately \$1.3M. The Board may recall awarding *Atlantic On-Site Development, LLC*, the contract for those improvements at the regular meeting on May 13th.

The proposed scope of work for NCDWR grant 'Phase II' involves the installation of approximately 300 linear feet of stormwater pipe and 3 drop inlets to capture water from Gray Street and Ocean Drive, connecting into the 'Phase I' infiltration system. Phase I is part of the existing grant with NCDPS-NCEM. This second project will reduce flooding, improve emergency access, and protect adjacent waters designated as Shellfish Growing waters.

The Coastal Federation (CF) approached the Town, last month to explore the opportunity of leveraging the towns existing grant (NCDPS-NCEM) with a second grant, which CF would prepare the grant application and administer the project. This second grant, if funded will enhance the mitigation efforts associated with flooding in the Ocean City Beach community. This community experiences chronic roadway flooding that threatens public safety, disrupts transportation, and degrades coastal water quality. During major rainfall events, water accumulates on NC Highway 210 to the extent that the Town must deploy pumps and divert traffic onto Ocean Drive. This detour creates significant safety concerns because in addition to being flooded itself, Ocean Drive is narrow and often lined with parked vehicles, limiting access for emergency responders and evacuation traffic.

CF will administer the grant and will hold the town financially harmless for project overruns, an MOA detailing those responsibilities has been prepared with the assistance of our Town Attorneys.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:

Suggested Motion: "I, _____, make a motion to,

1. Adopt Resolution 2026-03 Water Resources Development Grant
2. Hereby certify that the Town's subordinates and any person or persons designated to act on behalf of the applicant do not have an actual or apparent conflict of interest with respect to the project and approves the signing of the Conflict of Interest statement.
3. Acknowledge and certify that the Town of North Topsail Beach does not have any overdue tax debts, as defined by N.C.G.S. 105-243.1, at the federal, State, or local level.
4. Approve the Memorandum of Agreement - between the Town and the Coastal Federation, which describes roles, responsibilities and holds the Town financially harmless for project overruns.
5. Authorize the Mayor and/or Interim Town Manager to finalize and execute all necessary documents needed to submit the Application.