

Richard Grant, Mayor
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Larry Faison, ICMA-CM
Interim Town Manager

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Laura Olszewski
Larry Strother

Alexis Stanfield, NCCCC
Town Clerk

Beach, Inlet, and Sound Advisory Committee

March 17, 2026

Draft Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman Larry Strother, Mayor Richard Grant, Ian Gerdes, Teri Ward, Rusty Walker, Jason Stahr, Stephen Newbern, Alice Derian, Chris Gibson, Alexis Stanfield

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Strother called the meeting to order at 10:30AM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Jason Stahr made a motion to approve the agenda. Teri Ward seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Teri made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2025, committee meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF 2026 BISAC AND ELECTION OF CHAIR

Chairman Strother introduced the newest appointed member, Stephen Newbern, who is serving in an at-large capacity. After welcomes were said, he segued into the nominations for chairperson of the committee. Rick Grant nominated current Chairman Larry Strothers. Teri Ward seconded the nomination. The nomination was unanimous.

MANAGER REPORT

Manager Derian reported PTC #8 sand work was completed February 18th. In total, 61,000 cubic yards of sand were placed as part of the emergency berm project. Dune plantings are expected to begin this Spring as the next phase of the project.

The Town's CAT B project has been approved by FEMA, and the total eligible amount is \$4,330,561.00. Since this is a large-scale project, the state of North Carolina can reimburse requests now with invoices and proof of payment. This will provide the Town with cashflow before the project is ready to be closed out.

COASTAL ENGINEER REPORT

Chris Gibson, TI Coastal Engineer, reported the Town typically has three options available to choose from when conducting a beach project. For Project DA_0143, Option A was to get an easement. Unfortunately, the Town is having trouble obtaining one. Gibson provided the Board and public with a map that color coded areas of different habitats. Gibson presented Option B to the Board. Option B involves the Town utilizing the Army Corp of Engineers' permanent easement. Gibson announced he would be attending a meeting with the Corp later in the week and would report back to the Board on what the Corp's decision was. Option C would be to go back to the Fish and Wildlife Committee and ask again, noting the areas where sand would be used from. Gibson noted that the Fish and Wildlife Committee has concerns regarding the wooden and inhabited areas. There is an Option D, and that involves a borrow site designated for North Topsail Beach that is not currently being used and borrow from unused areas. Gibson reported doing phases 1-3 of the dune restoration concurrently and in the direction of dune to ocean would be in the best interest of the Town.

OPEN FORUM

There were no sign ups for open forum.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Strother announced the next BISAC meeting date was still to be determined.

Jason Stahr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Teri Ward seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 11:15AM.