

Environment and Wildlife Special Called Meeting

June 20, 2024, 1:00 pm

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Seabrook Island Town Hall, Council Chambers
2001 Seabrook Island Road
Seabrook Island, SC 29455



MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Weis called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gordon Weis, Chairman; James Geiger, Mark Andrews, Dean Moor

STAFF PRESENT: Joe Cronin (Town Administrator)

FOIA STATEMENT

Mr. Cronin confirmed that the committee was in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act. Notice of meetings and agendas were posted and furnished to news media and all persons requesting notification.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 9, 2024

Mr. Moor made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 9, seconded by Mr. Geiger. The motion passed unanimously.

The May 9 meeting minutes were approved UNANIMOUSLY.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Marshfront Management Plan

Dr. Nicole Elko of Elko Coastal Consulting informed the committee that her consulting group will be working on the Town of Seabrook Island's Marshfront Management Plan.

There was a brief discussion related to what areas of the marsh would be covered under the plan. Dr. Elko explained that jurisdictional lines were the main determinant of what areas of the marsh would be included in the plan.

Dr. Elko asked representatives from various community groups to discuss any strategies and/or goals they would like to see included and addressed as part of the marshfront plan.

There was a discussion related to protecting marsh areas from building encroachments, specifically seawalls. Mr. Cronin stated that Seabrook Island has an ordinance where building cannot occur inside of twenty-five feet of the OCRM Critical Line. Dr. Elko stated that these issues will be addressed in the plan.

There was a brief discussion concerning new residents of Seabrook Island. Representatives from community groups wanted the plan to include a strategy for engaging new residents and educating them on the importance of a healthy marsh.

Dr. Elko reported that her goal is for the plan to be presented to the Town of Seabrook Island in February 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, Chairman Weis declared the meeting adjourned at 2:09 pm.

Peter D. Wiggins II
Town Clerk