

## **Minutes of the May 14, 2025 Town of Kiawah Island Environmental Committee Meeting**

**Attendees:** Madeleine Kaye, Jim Jordan, Aaron Given, Matt Hill, Lynne Sager, Liz King, Lynda Leffler, Jennifer Hayes, Cindy Perry, Pam Wilson.

### **Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes from April 9 meeting approved. No edits.

### **Program Updates**

#### Shorebird Stewardship Program

- Focus on Memorial Day weekend nesting protection
- Shorebird stewards will create a scheduled presence in nesting areas
- Discussed potential disturbance risks to nesting colonies
- Confirmed minimal golf course interference with nesting areas

#### Conservancy and Resiliency Committee Update

- Discussed potential waterway breach near the Cape
- Planned presentation on beach monitoring survey for next meeting
- Emphasized need for community education on resiliency

#### New Business: Fish and Wildlife Regulations Review

- Proposed updates to Chapter 5 regulations
- Discussed alligator harassment and feeding regulations
- Considered adding ordinances for deer feeding prohibition, wildlife protection, fishing and crabbing restrictions

#### Dog Management and Shorebird Protection

- Proposed dog licensing system with colored collars
- Discussed methods to educate guest dog owners
- Explored ways to improve beach access and wildlife protection

#### Environmental Projects and Educational Needs

- Identified potential topics for educational programs
- Discussed recycling, solar energy, and wildlife protection
- Planned to develop comprehensive educational resources

### Wildlife Monitoring Reports

- Bobcat den discovery and tracking
- SGA surveillance updates
- Beach nesting bird monitoring
- Alligator removal and activity tracking

### Invasive Species Management

- Reported treatment of West Indian marsh grass
- Discussed challenges with Cogan grass
- Explored pine straw management issues

### Action Items

- Explore dog licensing program
- Review Fish and Wildlife ordinances
- Develop environmental education materials
- Continue wildlife monitoring efforts

### Adjournment