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E. Luke Farrell
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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Council Conference Room and via Zoom
June 11, 2025; 1:00 PM

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order:**
- II. Approval of Minutes:**
 - A. Minutes of the May 14, 2025 meeting
- III. Citizen's Comments:**
- IV. Program Updates**
 - A. Shorebird Stewardship Program
 - B. Kiawah Conservancy Projects
 - C. Resiliency Committee
- V. Old Business**
 - A. Article 15, Chapter 5 Fish and Wildlife Regulations Discussion
- VI. Reports:**
 - A. Town of Kiawah Island
 - B. Kiawah Island Community Association Land & Lakes Management
 - C. Kiawah Island Golf Resort
 - D. Kiawah Island Architectural Review Board
 - E. Kiawah Conservancy
 - F. Turtle Patrol
- VII. New Business**
 - A. Beach Monitoring Presentation and Discussion (Coastal Science and Engineering)
- VIII. Citizen Comments:**
- IX. Chairman's Comments:**
- X. Committee Member Comments:**
- XI. Adjournment:**

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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