**Kure Beach Shoreline Access, Beach Protection Committee**

Minutes of September 8, 2026

**Members Present:**

Rick Jackson, Co-Chair
Elizabeth Kiwaha, Secretary
Ann Hughes
Randy Bock - Absent
Byron Ashbridge, Council Liaison
Pat Triplett, Co-Chair - Absent
John Kiwaha - Absent
Kelly Priest
Pat Edgecomb, Alternate

Ann made a motion to open the meeting and Pat E. 2nd the motion. The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm by Rick Jackson.

No changes were requested to be made to the August minutes or agenda; Ann motioned to approve and Kelly 2nd the motion.

Guest(s) present in person or online: Jennifer

**Old Business:**

**Adopt-a-Beach:** Ann – The weather turned out great; the Aquarium Beach Cleanup event was a success.

**Beach Booster Sponsorship:** Rick – No update.

**Ocean life & Toyboxes:** Rick – Informed the committee that the fire department will be removing the toyboxes from the beach next week, so all trash/toys need to be cleaned from them before then.

**Council Update:** Byron – Byron informed the committee that the county, New Hanover, is looking into potentially purchasing dredge equipment, however there is very little information around the potential costs of the purchase as well as any ongoing costs.

Byron also reminded the committee that there is a meeting being held at the Community College on Monday, 9/14, from 4:30 – 6 pm to discuss the installation of a fixed span bridge or something like the current bridge, moveable. This topic is very controversial. The Board of Adjustments handles appeals for anything that isn't approved for reconsideration.

**New Business:**

**Signage** – Pat T. and Rick did a review of the signage at each ramp to determine set-up/placement of the signage. Rick stated that there are three types of ramps, (1) ramps that go through the dunes, (2) boardwalk ramps, (3) ramps with stairs. Rick proposed, considering the cost, is to update the signage to be consistent as the signs need to be replaced following hurricane season. Byron reminded the committee that it was requested by Town Council to make all the signage placement

consistent ASAP, so not to wait. Pat E. asked if we are doing the HOA ramps and Rick said, no, the HOA's are responsible for their own ramps.

Next Steps: Rick and Liz will produce a mock-up to present to Town Council in November.

**Open Committee Position** – Rick informed the committee that both candidates for the open position will be asked to interview and ask questions of the committee at our next meeting held on 10/6. Pat E. requested that she become a full-time member rather than an alternate now that she is no longer traveling back and forth to ME. Liz motioned to accept and Ann 2nd the motion. With Pat E. moving into the vacant committee seat, the two candidates will be considered for the alternate position.

**Meeting date change** – As a reminder, our November meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11/10/26.

Ann motioned to adjourn, Kelly 2nd the motion.
The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.
Next meeting to be held 10/6/26
Minutes submitted by Liz Kiwaha.