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| meeting Minutes |
| Smith Island United membership  |
| Date:  | October 2, 2023 |
| Time:  | 2:00 PM |
| Meeting called to order by:  | Eddie Somers |

# In attendance

Eddie Somers (President), Mark Kitching (Executive Committee) Missy Evans (Executive Committee), Ben Muldrow (Urban Planning) Ed Muldowski (Sea Grant) , Corey, Alicia, Sarah, Wendy, Nick, Maxine, John Tyler, Betty Jo, Paul, Samantha, Brent, Kathy Jones, Darren, Dory, Shelly, Mary Ada, Jennifer Dize, Sheila, Colleen, Jeff, Brenda, June, Laura, Millie, Grayden , Janet and Shanon ( Secretary Admin)

**Prayer:** Mark Kitching

# Approval of minutes

No previous minutes were presented for approval.

# Budget

Budget not reviewed at this time.

# reports

**Committee reports**

Accounts Report: Eddie Somers for Buddy Evans (Executive Committee Treasurer)

Checking balance: $176,082.58

Grant Money: $158,585.88

Smith Island United Money: $17,496.70

Grant Money Breakdown: $158,585.88

CFES (Community Needs) - 1,446.78

County Commissioners - 6,651.60

Housing Grant - 487.50

Museum Operating Costs - 150,000.00

No questions presented by membership regarding the Financial Report.

Presidents Report: Eddie Somers

Grants:

Federal Housing: low-income grant 50K

* 4 applications all were funded - no one from Tylerton applied.

State Façade grant: – 50K

* Requirements will be different from federal, no income limits- anyone can apply including businesses.
* More information on application process/distribution of funds to follow

Breakwater Grant possibility-

* DNR/Marland Dept of Planning
* Barry’s shanty to power plant
* Rhoades Pt Harbor to Boat Yard
* Ducks unlimited will apply if approved for grant: tied to bird sanctuary preservation and shoreline protection at Rhodes Pt.
* Letters of intent have been submitted.
* Smith Island is competitive for both grants

Broadband

* Project is at a Standstill
* Pool of money available from state but requires an application to apply – waiting for state to develop application and then will apply.
* The proposed for Smith Island may be the same system, not sure, as in Tangier.

Drone Grant

* Pilot program: Maryland dept of planning/tidal Health/ University of MD
* Tidal Health will deliver medication via/drone to individual homes.
* Still early in the planning process – more to come.

## **New Business**

## Smith Island Branding meeting- Presenters: Arnett Muldrow Associates and Sea Grant Delaware -to immediately follow Membership Meeting. All invited to attend. Links to meeting recording and presentation materials will be emailed to all interested parties.

Next Smith Island United Membership Meeting date/time to be announced. As a reminder, any who wish to run for Executive Committee – please contact Smith Island United. Elections are held in March.