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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDING REQUEST TO NC SHALLOW DRAFT NAVIGATION CHANNEL DREDGING AND LAKE MAINTENANCE FUND FOR BOGUE INLET NAVIGATION DREDGING

Whereas, the US Army Corps of Engineers has historically maintained the Bogue Inlet connecting channel from the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway to and across the ocean bar at an adequate depth for commercial and recreational navigation purposes, and

Whereas, the continued maintenance of the Bogue Inlet connecting channel is essential to the commercial fishing industry, tourism industry, and the quality of life for the entire Carteret-Onslow area, and

Whereas, the Federal budget once again does not include funding for the US Army Corps of Engineers to maintain this crucial waterway at an adequate depth, and ongoing Federal budget challenges make it unlikely that adequate Federal funding will be available in the future, and

Whereas, the State of North Carolina has established the Shallow Draft Navigation Channel Dredging and Lake Maintenance Fund to provide 67% of the cost of future dredging in NC waterways, including Bogue Inlet, and is committed to assisting local government partners in future dredging efforts, and

Whereas, Carteret-Onslow area local governments previously partnered with the State of North Carolina in 2006, 2011, 2014, and 2016 to provide funding for maintenance dredging of the Bogue Inlet connecting channel, and

Whereas, there is currently no available funding from previous State-local funding partnerships for Bogue Inlet maintenance dredging,

Whereas, Carteret-Onslow area local governments recognize the importance of this crucial waterway, and will hopefully engage in a new partnership with the State of North Carolina to finance maintenance dredging work in 2017, and

Whereas, the Town Manager is the chief administrative officer of the Town,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Emerald Isle Board of Commissioners authorizes the Town Manager to coordinate with other Carteret-Onslow area local governments and submit a proposal to the State of North Carolina to provide maintenance dredging funding for the Bogue Inlet connecting channel.

Be it further resolved that the Town Manager is authorized to submit a funding proposal for \$300,000, which would finance approximately 17 days of maintenance dredging in the Bogue Inlet connecting channel. This work would be completed under a contract with the US Army Corps of Engineers, and would occur on a schedule determined by the US Army Corps of Engineers based on shoaling conditions in the Bogue Inlet connecting channel and across the ocean bar.

Be it further resolved that the Emerald Isle Board of Commissioners authorizes the expenditure of Town funds for this work in accordance with the cost-sharing proposal outlined below:

State of North Carolina	\$ 200,000	67%
Carteret-Onslow area local governments		33%
Onslow County	47,500	
Town of Swansboro	2,500	
Carteret County	35,000	

Town of Emerald Isle	10,000
Town of Cape Carteret	2,500
Town of Cedar Point	<u>2,500</u>
TOTAL	\$ 300,000

Adopted this the ____ day of _____, 2017.

Eddie Barber, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rhonda C. Ferebee, Town Clerk