

**OAK ISLAND BUSINESS ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 27, 2025 – 9:00 AM**

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**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

**Absences**

Absent members included Hugh Fosbury, Lisa Fitzgerald, Zach Fisher, Annette Rogers, and Chasey Bynum.

Jackie Del Prete made a motion to excuse their absences. Ronnie Russell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The board requested that meeting reminders be sent out the day before future meetings.

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**II. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as presented.

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**III. Approval of Minutes**

- **March Meeting Minutes:** Ken Guhse made a motion to approve the March meeting minutes. Ronnie Russell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
  - **April Meeting Minutes:** Ronnie Russell made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes. Heather Kinlaw seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
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**IV. Presentations**

**Samantha Darlington**, Community Economic Development Planner with the NC Main Street & Rural Planning Center, gave a presentation on her role and her upcoming work with the Town. She will assist the Town and the Business Advisory Board in developing an Economic Development Strategic Plan. This advisory board will serve as a stakeholder group during the planning process, which is scheduled to begin in July and is expected to take approximately eight months.

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**V. Old Business**

**V.1 Business of the Month**

Board members reviewed submissions for the June Business of the Month. Island Jo received the most votes.

Ken Guhse made a motion to select Island Jo as the June Business of the Month. Ronnie Russell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **V.2 Medallion Hunt Planning**

Joe Yeager and Hallie Willis provided an update on the Medallion Hunt, which will begin on June 9. The board is still seeking additional prizes to contribute to the grand prize.

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## **IX. Adjourn**

Ronnie Russell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ken Guhse seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.