

**MINUTES OF  
FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 16, 2021 – 4:45 P.M.  
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

**I. CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Tony Kennon called the meeting to order at 4:51 P.M.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmember Jeff Silvers  
Councilmember Jerry Johnson  
Councilmember Annette Mitchell  
Councilmember Joni Blalock  
Councilmember Jeff Boyd  
Mayor Tony Kennon

Absent: None

There being a quorum present, the meeting was opened for the transaction of business.

**III. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA**

**Motion made (Blalock/Johnson) to approve the agenda as presented.** Vote unanimous in favor.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consider a variance request submitted by Billy and Dixie Hoven for 29315 North Bayshore Drive.

Adam Roberson, Building Official, presented the variance request asking for a variance of 8.4 inches on the city's freeboard requirement as part of a substantial improvement to an existing residential home. Mayor and Council expressed understanding for not wanting to build an addition at a separate height than the existing second story floor. They verified with the Building Official that the base flood elevation of the structure still meets minimum FEMA requirements.

**Motion made (Boyd/Mitchell) to approve the variance request.** Roll call vote revealed: Silvers, aye; Johnson, aye; Mitchell, aye; Blalock, aye; Boyd, aye; Kennon, aye. **Passed. (6-0).**

2. Consider a variance request submitted by the City of Orange Beach for a Coastal Resources EcoVillage Project located on Rosemary Trail by Gulf State Park.

Adam Roberson, Building Official, presented the variance request by the Coastal Resources Department asking for relief from the city's 2' freeboard requirements for a micro-housing project located on Rosemary Trail by the Gulf State Park. Phillip West, Coastal Resources Director, expressed his desire to avoid a "treehouse" effect for the project, and stated that the cabins are being built on a ridge, which puts them at a naturally higher elevation than the surrounding flood zone. Mayor and Council agreed that the particular location of the project does not have a history of flooding.

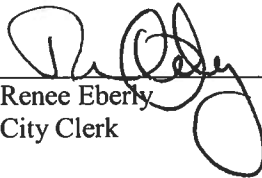
**Motion made (Silvers/Boyd) to approve the variance request.** Roll call vote revealed: Silvers, aye; Johnson, aye; Mitchell, aye; Blalock, aye; Boyd, aye; Kennon, aye. **Passed. (6-0).**

V. **ADJOURN**

**There being no further business to come before the council, motion made (Mitchell/Blalock) to adjourn. Vote unanimous in favor**

Time: 4:55 P.M.

**APPROVED** this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

  
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Renee Eberly  
City Clerk

