

**South Carolina Mitigation Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2023
Video Conference**

I. Opening

The regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Mitigation Association was called to order at 9:03AM via Zoom by Ross Nelson, the SCMA President. A quorum was present.

Attending:

Ross Nelson, President	Kirstin Knight-Meng
Sydni Redmond, Treasurer	Chris Ryan
Allen Conger	Ryan Smith
Adrienne Graham	Daniel Johnson

II. Approval of Minutes

Allen Conger made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 13. Chris Ryan seconded the motion, which carried.

Sydni Redmond made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 14 Quarterly Members Meeting. Ryan Smith seconded the motion.

III. Financial Report

Ms. Redmond reported the association is in a good financial position. Ms. Redmond will follow up with Carolina Wetlands on their membership and SCMA's sponsorship of them.

IV. Quarterly Meeting

Mr. Nelson will ask The Nature Conservancy's Eric Krueger to present and answer questions about their proposed ILF program. He will also reach out to the USFWS on Northern Long-Eared Bats and Tri Colored Bat protection programs.

The USACE should be invited to present at the December meeting.

Elections will be held at the December meeting. An announcement alerting members to the elections will be sent within a week.

V. Member Care

Sustain SC will continue to offer its 50% discount to SCMA members. The Sustain SC Leadership Institute should be shared with the SCMA members.

Mr. Nelson suggested considering a partnership with NAEP. Their interest may be more aligned with the SCMA.

VI. Old Business

Daniel Johnson will meet with the ad hoc committee of Mr. Smith, Mr. Nelson, Doug Hughes on creating a scope of work for a lobbyist. This will be presented to the Executive Committee to approve along with a budget. In 2019 bids ranged from \$1500 to \$5000. This information must be presented to the membership for approval. Mr. Johnson will then solicit proposals from lobbyists including Trip and Capitol Consultants.

There is no update on the SQT other than the USACE is still planning to roll it out this year.

VII. Committee Reports

Partnership: Ms. Redmond reported that three scholarship applications were submitted. The recommendations of the scholarship review group will be sent prior to August 1 for an August 1 award.

Planning for the Clay Shoot will kick off shortly.

Lyles Cooper is organizing the group to review the Conservation Easement with the USACE. The Low Country Land Trust, Upstate Forever and the SCMA will serve on the committee. The SCMA will solicit volunteers in the next eblast. Bob Perry will try to get the DNR template on Conservation Easement to facilitate the process.

Technical: The Committee is working with the transition process at the USACE to learn the new staff and roles.

SCDOT Committee: Mr. Nelson will contact the SCDOT to arrange a meeting.

VIII. New Business

There is no update on the LTM. The Technical Committee is reviewing it.

Mr. Nelson will request a meeting for early September with the USACE.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 8, 2023, 9:00 AM

Minutes submitted by:

Approved by: Executive Committee August 8