

**South Carolina Mitigation Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2024
Video Conference**

I. Opening

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

Attending:

Daniel Johnson, President	Doug Hughes
Kristin Knight-Meng, Secretary	Sydni Redmond
Ross Nelson, Treasurer	Chris Ryan
Allen Conger	
Adrienne Graham	

II. Approval of Minutes

Ross Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes of the February Executive Committee meeting. Chris Ryan seconded the motion, which carried.

III. Quarterly Meeting

Mr. Johnson will follow up with Tory Grayson on First Tuesday Strategies as a possible speaker at the March meeting. David Wilson declined to speak in March but will speak in June at the Bronson Forest meeting. Mr. Nelson will contact the DNR about their bat specialist. Mr. Johnson will also reach out to ERBA.

IV. Member Care

TKR Construction is the newest non-voting membership. Mr. Johnson, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Grayson are recruiting new members from the Ribits list.

V. Old Business

Mr. Johnson will follow up again on a USACE on a meeting.

VI. Committee Reports

Partnership: Sydni Redmond reported the clay shoot registration and sponsorship information are on the SCMA website. NAEP is also distributing the information.

The SCMA task group on the conservation easement template met last month. They are reaching out to the USACE to confirm they are still open to making the conservation easement template more user friendly. Sean Connolly of the SCDOT did bring the conservation easement template up in his meeting with the USACE and they indicated they are open to improvements.

The scholarship information is on the website and has been posted on scholarships.com.

Ms. Redmond is working on the Young Professionals Program. She also asked the Executive Committee to look around their offices for a new social media coordinator.

Technical: Kristin Knight-Meng reported she and Jonathan Page held a brief meeting last week but the committee is waiting on the public notice of the SQT to review. Mr. Johnson has asked David Wilson for an early release to the SCMA for review and comments.

Government Affairs: Allen Conger reported Mr. Nelson attended a submit committee meeting on water, and although they did not have time for him to testify, it was very informative. The committee is watching S.1061. Mr. Nelson suggested the lobby team draft a letter for this legislation that would request that mitigation language be inserted.

Mr. Johnson sent survey revisions to Tara Alden last week. This survey will be sent to members in March.

SCDOT Committee: The Committee met February 20. Mr. Johnson will circulate the minutes. Mr. Connolly must approve before they are posted.

VII. Old Business

Mr. Nelson will attend the March 22nd DNR Board meeting. Ms. Graham will ask Annie Wilson to attend as well, if Mr. Nelson should be added to the agenda, and if a presentation is allowed. The SCMA wants to convey to the DNR board the major points of mitigation and that we are available to assist and work with the DNR.

IX. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 9:00 AM

Minutes submitted by: Kristin Knight-Meng

Approved by: Executive Committee, April 9, 2024