

**South Carolina Mitigation Association  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
September 12, 2023  
Video Conference**

**I. Opening**

The regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Mitigation Association was called to order at 9:01 AM via Zoom by Ross Nelson, the SCMA President. A quorum was present.

**Attending:**

Ross Nelson, President	Allen Conger
Kristin Knight-Meng, Secretary	Chris Ryan
Sydni Redmond, Treasurer	Ryan Smith
Tara Allden	
Adrienne Graham	

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Tara Allden made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 8. Sydni Redmond seconded the motion, which carried.

**III. Financial Report**

Ms. Redmond reviewed the financials. She noted membership was down from the projected numbers. The Committee discussed that members should be encouraged to be involved and recruit others that would be active.

Allen Conger made a motion to that the President and Treasurer have discretion to move up to 75% of the operating account to an interest-bearing instrument at a banking institution of their choice. Ms. Redmond seconded the motion, which carried.

**IV. Quarterly Meeting**

Mr. Nelson will reach out to Eric Krueger to ask him to speak on TNC's goals for their in-lieu fee (ILF) program. Adrienne Graham will send a dedicated eblast to promote Mr. Krueger.

**V. Member Care**

Mr. Conger made a motion to approve the Congaree Land Trust as a non-voting member. Chris Ryan seconded the motion, which carried. Mr. Nelson will reach out to them. It was noted that the Congaree Land Trust is involved in the SCMA Conservation Easement Task Force.

Ms. Graham will send the email requesting donations/volunteers for the Executive Committee elections several more times before the end of November.

**VI. Old Business**

The USACE has shelved programmatic initiatives to focus on mitigation bank approval. This includes the Site Criteria Checklist, SQT and the Conservation Easement Template.

Mr. Nelson will work on setting a date for the SCMA – USACE meeting. Ms. Graham will email the Executive Committee for items that should be discussed.

Ms. Graham will request an update on the selection of a lobbyist from Daniel Johnson.

## **VII. Committee Reports**

**Partnership:** The Clay Shoot is open for registration and sponsorship. Please encourage teams and sponsors.

Ms. Redmond proposed revising the language for the scholarship applications to state that students must be enrolled in the upcoming semester. The Executive Committee agreed. The Partnership Committee is looking for a way to increase the number of applications next year.

Mr. Nelson, Bob Perry and Allen Conger will work with the Conservation Easement Task Force to finalize a template and meet with the land trusts before December.

**Technical:** Kristin Knight-Meng reported that they had drafted the comments for the USACE Site Selection Criteria for Mr. Nelson to send to the USACE although this is on hold with them.

**SCDOT:** Mr. Nelson will work to set up a meeting to discuss their opinion on the USACE Sackett decision.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 AM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 9:00 AM

Minutes submitted by: Kristin Knight-Meng

Approved by: Executive Committee, 10/10/2023