

**South Carolina Mitigation Association  
Executive Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
June 8, 2021  
Video Conference**

**I. Opening**

The regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Mitigation Association was called to order at 9:08 AM via Zoom by Allen Conger, the SCMA President.

**Attending:**

Allen Conger	Ross Nelson
Daniel Johnson	Sydni Redmond
Kristin Knight-Meng	Jack Smith
Adrienne Graham	Ryan Smith

**II. Approval of Previous Minutes**

Sydni Redmond made a motion to approve the minutes of May 11, 2021. Ross Nelson seconded the motion, which carried.

**III. Financial Report**

Mr. Nelson commented the financials look fine and everything is in order.

**IV. Quarterly Meeting**

- Dr. Althea Hagan with Clemson University is confirmed for the June meeting. Adrienne Graham will contact her for her presentation in advance. Sean Connolly and Vince McCarron will update the membership on the In Lieu Fee Catawba Program, Mitigation Dashboard and the proposed infrastructure bills in Congress.
- David Wilson with the USACE was invited to present but has not confirmed.
- Mr. Nelson recommended having Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership (SARP) present at a future meeting. The SCDOT just participated in training and thought it very worthwhile. The SCMA can contact them directly to discuss a presentation and training for members.

**V. Member Care**

- Past members who have not paid this year but have made a commitment to pay will be able to attend the June Quarterly Meeting.
- Ms. Graham will send an updated membership list to Mr. Conger and Mr. Ross.
- Daniel Johnson will create a potential membership list and coordinate with the Executive Committee on a regular basis.

**VI. Old Business**

- Mr. Wilson with USACE has requested a virtual meeting with the SCMA on Tuesday, June 22 at 1:00 PM. Mr. Conger, Mr. Johnson, Tommy Cousins and Doug Hughes will attend. Ms. Kristin Knight-Meng and Mr. Nelson will serve as alternates. Mr. Conger will coordinate a meeting prior to June 22 to discuss the SCMA's approach and roles in the meeting.
- The SCDOT is interested in the SCMA hosting an event at the National Mitigation and Ecosystem Banking Conference to discuss the evolution and maturity of mitigation in South Carolina. Tara Alden sent an email to Mr. Conger earlier on this stating Kimley-Horn has an office near the

conference venue with a conference room that may be appropriate. A date needs to be set quickly. The Executive Committee is in support of this event. A budget has not been set but Mr. Conger mentioned it would be \$2,000 or less. Mr. Nelson and Mr. Johnson will work with Ms. Alden on this. Mr. Johnson will coordinate with the SCDOT.

- Mr. Johnson spoke to Mr. Hughes and Daniel Coggins on the SQT and the feedback they have received. They are leaning towards organizing a SQT discussion/interaction and coordinate it with a site visit the IRT is planning to attend. However, IRT is not doing many site visits now so this may be difficult to plan. They are receiving different messages from the USACE and the DNR on the implementation and the requirements of the SQT. Mr. Johnson will be prepared to discuss more at next Executive Committee meeting. This can be discussed at the meeting with the USACE on June 22.

## **VII. New Business**

- **Partnership Committee:** Ms. Redmond reported the committee is still waiting on a response from SustainSC. The education and marketing materials will be ready prior to the National Mitigation and Ecosystem Conference. She will reach out to Ms. Graham on swag. The SC Water Resources conference was postponed to 2022. The partnership with Carolina Wetlands Association is progressing. The Committee is creating a Social Media group and accepting volunteers. The Committee has feelers out on creating a scholarship or funding research project and a fund raiser that could support this.
- Ms. Knight-Meng reported that the **Technical Committee** met last week. Mr. Conger and Mr. Johnson will plan on attending the next meeting and assist the committee in setting an agenda for the remainder of the year.
- Mr. Conger reported the **SCDOT Committee** met on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Those minutes have been posted on the website and an email will be sent to members to alert them to login to the site and review them.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 AM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 13, 9:00 AM

Minutes submitted by: Kristin Knight-Meng

Approved by: The Executive Committee, July 13, 2021