

# South Carolina Mitigation Association

Executive Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
August 13, 2019

## Opening

The regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Mitigation Association was called to order at 9:00 on August 13 via Conference Call by Tara Allden.

## Committee Members (Present | Absent)

Tara Allden  
Allen Conger (Absent)  
Daniel Johnson  
Adam McIntyre (Absent)  
Ross Nelson  
Jack Smith  
Ryan Smith (Absent)  
Blair Wade (Absent)

## General Discussion

- The members of the Association should define the Association's role in Palmetto Green.
- Ethel Bunch extended an opportunity for SCMA to fund Palmetto Green.
- No news regarding the SCDOT RFPs.
- No updates on SOP. SCMA should discuss the opportunity to fund a USACE (mitigation) position.
- Tara suggested a technical meeting this fall with David leading the discussion (related to the revised SOP). The Association should encourage the development and publication of the revised SOP.
- Tara introduced proposed changes to the Mitigation Rule. Tara will distribute a link with more information.

## Conservation Bank Discussion

- Blair and Ross met with Raleigh West on behalf of the Association.
- The overall annual budget for the Conservation Bank is \$9MM (was approximately \$20MM at its peak)
- Raleigh does not intend for the agency to be mitigation provider, though he does get called to provide feedback on mitigation solutions for the Department of

Commerce and the SCDOT. He does not feel that the language in the Conservation Bank Bill is a mandate to provide mitigation.

- Raleigh agreed that most of our state legislators do not understand mitigation. Our message needs to be distilled into bullet points that they can understand/digest quickly.
- Raleigh would like for the Conservation Bank to partner with mitigation providers on projects so that entire properties are preserved, enhanced and restored (not just the aquatic resources).
- Raleigh provided a planning level document recently completed by the SCDNR at the request of the Conservation Bank.

### **SCMA/SCDOT meeting**

- Ross is scheduling the next meeting and will report back to the executive committee.

### **Membership Update**

- Tara will update the email list based on the current membership list.

### **Regulatory Committee**

- No updates

### **Legislative Committee**

- No updates

### **Partnership Committee**

- No updates

### **Technical Committee**

- No updates

### **Website**

- No updates

### **Financial**

- No updates

### **Action Items**

- See above

### Adjournment

- Tara Alden adjourned the meeting.
- Daniel Johnson submitted the minutes.
- Approved by: [Name]