

**South Carolina Mitigation Association
Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2021
Video Conference**

Opening

The regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Mitigation Association was called to order at 9:04 AM via Zoom by Allen Conger, the SCMA President.

Attending:

Allen Conger	Kristin Knight-Meng
Tommy Cousins	Ross Nelson
Doug Hughes	Sydni Redmond
Daniel Johnson	Jack Smith
Adrienne Graham	

I. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Ross Nelson made a motion to accept the minutes of February 9, 2021. Jack Smith seconded the motion, which carried.

II. Financial Report

- Ross Nelson referred to the financial statement previously distributed and noted membership income was a down from this time last year. He will work with Adrienne Graham to follow up with those who have not paid.
- Ross Nelson made a motion to charge non-members \$100 per meeting to attend the SCMA Quarterly Meetings. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Following discussion, the motion was amended to allow the \$100 to be applied towards membership in the calendar year, up to \$400. The second concurred with the amendment. The motion carried.
- The Executive Committee agreed that credit cards should be accepted. Ms. Graham will research and communicate with Mr. Allen and Mr. Ross.

III. Quarterly Meeting

- Sydni Redmond will use the Partnership Committee to wider publicize the Quarterly Meetings. Mr. Conger encouraged others to work through their networks and do the same.
- Ms. Graham will communicate the new fee to the non-members who registered for the meeting.

IV. Member Care

- Seven non-voting and ten voting members have paid membership dues to date.

V. Old Business

- The SCMA has not received an official response on the letter submitted December 22. Doug Hughes will work with Daniel Johnson and Tommy Cousins to draft a letter requesting a

meeting with the USACE leadership on the issues presented. The Executive Committee will persistently approach this as a group.

- Mr. Nelson reported that the SCMA cannot fund a liaison position within the USACE; only public entities and public utilities may do so. The SCMA could partner with an entity such as the Department of Commerce, but then they would have to be on every proposal submitted.
- The Executive Committee discussed the need to educate legislators in the economic and environmental benefits of a robust mitigation marketplace. North Carolina's mitigation industry has made strong gains through lobbying. Ms. Graham will have Annie Wilson, Capitol Consultants partner and lobbyist, reach out to Mr. Conger.
- The SCMA has not received a response to its review of the second draft of the SQT submitted by the Technical Committee. The SQT must be adopted by the USACE and will not likely roll out until 2022. Mr. Johnson will work with DNR on a virtual workshop in the second or third quarter hosted by the SCMA.
- Ms. Redmond will research the cost of a booth at the National Mitigation Conference.

VI. New Business

- The Partnership Committee met with Ethel Bunch of Palmetto Green and will send a report to the Executive Committee. Ms. Bunch did mention in the meeting that they need \$10,000 to improve their Water Resource Registry so that the ranking criteria are visible to users.
- The next SCDOT meeting is March 24. Mr. Allen will review the Committee members and determine if a new member may be added that is not on the Executive Committee.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 AM.

Next Meeting: March 17, 10:00 AM - Quarterly Meeting
April 13, 9:00 AM - Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes submitted by: Kristin Knight-Meng

Approved by: