

**South Carolina Mitigation Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2024
Video Conference**

I. Opening

The regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Mitigation Association was called to order at 9:06 AM by Tory Grayson, SCMA Vice President.

Attending:

Tory Grayson, Vice President
Ross Nelson, Treasurer
Kristin Knight-Meng, Secretary
Monica Folk
Adrienne Graham

Doug Hughes
Sydni Redmond
Chris Ryan

II. Approval of Minutes

Ross Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September Executive Committee meeting. Doug Hughes seconded the motion, which carried.

III. Financial Report

Mr. Nelson reviewed the financial report and reported that although most of the income has been collected for the clay shoot, none of the expenses have been paid. The SCMA knew there would be a deficient this year due to hiring a lobbyist, but this has to be made up. Mr. Nelson proposed raising the voting membership dues to \$1500 and the non-voting to \$750. There was discussion on whether the association needs a non-voting level. Non-members could continue pay a registration fee to attend the Quarterly Meetings for a maximum of two times. There are currently 15 non-voting members and 19 voting. The association needs 27 voting members to balance the budget. This will require a strong membership push.

Mr. Nelson will craft an email and send out to the Executive Committee. A motion, second and vote can be done electronically.

IV. Quarterly Meeting

The December meeting will be held in Columbia on December 11 at 3:30. Mr. Grayson spoke to Mr. Wilson and he would like to attend and speak. Mr. Nelson will also ask Brad Cary and other USACE representatives to speak and give their interpretation of the guidance. He will invite them if and when they meet in October.

V. Member Care

Mr. Nelson noted the ERBA partnership has been very fruitful. Sydni Redmond attended the Fly In last month on an ERBA scholarship for state association. Ms. Redmond reported it was a very productive trip and she will share her notes on the meetings.

VI. Old Business

Mr. Johnson is working on the data tracking tool.

Doug Hughes made a motion to accept the Antitrust statement presented (see below). Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, which carried. The Executive Committee may vote to waive the reading before each monthly meeting, but the Executive Committee agreed it will be read at the beginning of each Quarterly Meeting.

South Carolina Mitigation Association Antitrust Statement

The South Carolina Mitigation Association (SCMA) reminds all attendees that state and federal laws prohibit the exchange of information among competitors regarding prices, refusals to deal, market division, tying arrangements, and other topics that may violate antitrust regulations. Therefore, no such discussions will be tolerated during this meeting.

SCMA is dedicated to promoting and advancing the mitigation industry. It is not intended to influence the competitive decisions of its members or their employees, nor to restrict competition in any aspect of the industry.

The Executive Committee reaffirms its strong commitment to the principles of competition upheld by antitrust laws and its intention to comply rigorously with these regulations. Every member of the Association is responsible for adhering to antitrust laws. Additionally, committee chairs and Association officers have a special duty to ensure that this policy is communicated and followed during their activities.

VII. Committee Reports

Partnership: Ms. Redmond reported the clay shoot push is on. Please sign up in some capacity.

The Partnership Committee continues to struggle with committee member attendance.

The Committee will reach out to other organizations such as civil engineers and contractors. Ms. Redmond asked for other suggestions.

Technical: Mr. Grayson reported the committee will meet October 14 with Sustain SC and others on the Water Resource Registry.

SCDOT/USACE Committee: Mr. Johnson is working to set up meetings with both the DOT and USACE.

Government Affairs: Mr. Nelson reported that the committee is gearing up for the session in January. The committee discussed writing a letter to the DNR about qualities the association would like to see in a new Director, not necessarily recommending anyone in particular. Mr. Grayson mentioned that the search had begun so if the SCMA wants to send anything it should be sooner rather than later. The audience of the letter would be the DNR Board. Mr. Nelson will reach out to Tara Allden on this.

VIII. New Business

Mr. Nelson informed the Executive Committee that Allen Conger is no longer with WSP. Mr. Conger has been involved with creating the association and growing it since its inception. Mr. Conger has served as president and is currently active in three committees. Mr. Nelson made a motion to create an ex-officio position that serves as a non-voting member of the Executive Committee. He may also continue to serve on other committees of the association. This position expires at the end of the year. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion which carried. Ms. Graham will reach out to Mr. Conger.

IX. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Friday, November 8, 2024, Clay Shoot

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes submitted by: Kristin Knight-Meng, Secretary

Approved by: Executive Committee 11/12/2024

October 30, 2024

A motion was made electronically by Monica Folk to approve the letter drafted by the Government Affairs Committee to list qualities and qualifications that the SCMA would like to see in the new DNR Director. The motion was seconded by Sydni Redmond and approved.

Adrienne Graham obtained signatures and sent to Chairman Pulliam.