

South Carolina Mitigation Association

Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2017

Opening

The regular meeting of the Executive Committee of South Carolina Mitigation Association was called to order May 16, 2017 in Charleston, SC (and via Conference Call) by Jack Smith.

Present

Jack Smith
Allen Conger
Ryan Smith
Blair Wade
Daniel Johnson
Tara Disy Allden
Ross Nelson

Minutes

- No previous month minutes for approval

Committee Reports and Plans

- Partnership Committee
 - Focused on SCDOT Partnership Committee – Next Meeting on May 25th
 - Committee involvement/small groups during next membership meeting
 - Ross Nelson to set up meeting to set priorities for rest of year and agenda for membership meeting
- Technical Committee
 - Daniel Johnson to lead
 - Priority to support transparency in IRT meetings
 - Daniel and Ryan to work on summary of service area maps
 - Tara Allden gave overview of Will Harman presentation at NMBA conference re: tools for evaluating mitigation credits and impact analysis
 - South Carolina and Tennessee are pilot states
 - Being tested in the Piedmont
 - Tool may be required currently although it is draft form
 - Recommend SCMA discussing the implementation of this tool with USACE
 - Tara Allden to draft email to USACE requesting more information about upcoming mitigation changes, potential grandfathering issues.
 - Email contact to be determined

- Regulatory and Technical Committee lead effort to meet with USACE, recommend meeting with Dave Wilson because he will be leading stream mitigation banks in future.
- Schedule a call with Regulatory and Technical to develop membership meeting agenda

Membership status

- Request for information about membership
 - Chad Rischar, PWS and Environmental Scientist with DRMP, Inc. in Gainesville, FL
 - Invite to June meeting
- John Wigginton with Westervelt interested in joining SCDOT/SCMA committee as an alternate

NMBA Conference Feedback

- Better attended by east coast representatives
- NMBA change to Ecological Restoration Business Association
 - New group has spun off

June Membership Meeting

- Next meeting on June 21st
 - Jack Smith to reserve space for meeting
- Potential speakers
 - USFWS/Conservation Banks
 - GERA and NC Mitigation Association – Regional perspective
 - Consider regional symposium or meeting in future

Website update

- Blair Wade to check with Levi about website
- Collect input from members about website usefulness and tools

Action Items:

- Ross Nelson to set up Partnership meeting
- Tara Allden to draft email to USACE
- Jack Smith to invite Chad Rischar to June Membership Meeting
- Blair Wade to check with Levi about website
- Ross Nelson requested agenda items for SCMA/SCDOT Committee Meeting by Thursday 5/18/17
 - Daniel Johnson suggested a discussion of implications of recently approved gas tax
- Jack Smith to contact USFWS re: June Membership Meeting

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned by Jack Smith.
- Minutes submitted by: Blair Wade
- Approved by: [Name]