

South Carolina Mitigation Association

Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2017

Opening

The regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Mitigation Association was called to order at 9:30 on August 10, 2017 in Charleston, SC (and via Conference Call) by Jack Smith.

Committee Members (Present | Absent)

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

No minutes were presented for approval

Action Items

- Jack will contact Travis to discuss the plan and transition for the Corps mitigation lead, offer support, and suggest a meeting with the SCMA. Jack will report back to the Executive Committee.
- Jack will provide the current membership list to the executive committee.
- Ross will conference with Adam and Allen to discuss transitioning the partnership committee responsibilities. Adam will be the new partnership committee lead.
- Blair will provide materials and information (e.g., upcoming meeting events and dates) to Silicon Harbor to support further development of the SCMA website.
- Committee leads will reach out to members that have offered to volunteer.

General Discussion

- Jack encouraged the executive committee to engage members that have volunteered and offered to support a committee.
- The membership meeting will be rescheduled for January 2018.
- The SCMA | DOT (Department) meeting is scheduled for 11 January.
- Ross suggested a meeting with the Department and full membership, in-lieu of the SCMA | DOT Partnership committee meeting.
 - No objections

- Jack suggested revising the by-laws to provide more flexibility in the meeting frequency.
- The SCMA will need to elect officers soon.
- Blair moved forward with Silicone Harbor.
- Active effort in Georgia (Savannah District) to delegate 404 to the state
 - A party has drafted an executive order
 - Active discussions on delegating federal responsibilities and funding to the state

Regulatory Committee

- No recent meetings / no meetings scheduled
- Dana is still in Charleston but is transitioning her (mitigation) responsibilities to others at the Corps
- Andrea Hughes is the acting (interim) mitigation lead for the Charleston District, and will support the position from North Carolina.
- Nat Ball may also re-engage and support mitigation
- Andrea is actively reviewing mitigation documents and providing comments
- David and Leslie deployed through October
- A member expressed concern that the Corps is revisiting, reviewing and providing feedback on a project or projects that have been verbally approved or finalized. Further, the Corps may be contradicting previous written and/or verbal comments due to staff turnover. An example was presented related to credit factors and/or credit generation.
- Those on the call discussed the generation of wetland credits within a stream buffer

Partnership Committee

- No recent meetings / no meetings scheduled
- The upcoming SCDOT/SCMA meeting was discussed
- Ross requested volunteers to lead the partnership committee
- Adam volunteered to lead
- Allen volunteered to support

SCDOT/SCMA meeting

- Agenda suggested by Sean Connolly and reported via Ross
 - Presentation (PowerPoint) by SCDOT related to upcoming projects funded by the gas tax and mitigation
 - Results of the recent solicitation for mitigation
 - Discussion associated with drafting a scope and establishing an on-call vehicle for mitigation services.
- Ryan, Tara, Ross, and Allen will attend the meeting scheduled for 12 October
- A member expressed concern with the Department utilizing an on-call to secure mitigation services
- At the next meeting, the association will:

- determine the driver for the mitigation services on-call;
- present a concern that was submitted to the association from a member related to the results of the recent Department solicitation for mitigation and the resulting use of a mitigation bank that does not service the project watershed
- Encourage the Department to support communication and collaboration with the Corps
- Ross will establish a lead to compile and present meeting minutes to the Executive Committee
- Daniel volunteered to support

Committee Updates

- See above, otherwise none

Membership Status

- Several new members (voting and non-voting) have joined in the past couple of months.

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned by Jack Smith.
- Minutes submitted by: Daniel Johnson
- Approved by: [Name]