

**South Carolina Mitigation Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2023
Video Conference**

I. Opening

The regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Mitigation Association was called to order at 9:02 AM via Zoom by Ross Nelson, the SCMA President. A quorum was present.

Attending:

Ross Nelson, President	Allen Conger
Daniel Johnson, Vice President	Doug Hughes
Kristin Knight-Meng, Secretary	Chris Ryan
Sydni Redmond, Treasurer	Ryan Smith
Adrienne Graham	Guest: Monica Folk, Director-Elect

II. Approval of Minutes

Daniel Johnson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November. Sydni Redmond seconded the motion, which carried.

III. Financial Report

Ms. Redmond reported that the money market and operating account were opened at First Bank. Expenses were higher this year but that was to be expected with the National Mitigation Conference participation. Ms. Graham will prepare a draft budget and share it with Mr. Nelson, the incoming Treasurer, prior to the January meeting.

IV. Quarterly Meeting

The Quarterly Meeting facilitated a conversation about the new lobbyist, advocacy, and many new initiatives for 2024.

The dates for the 2024 Quarterly Membership meeting were confirmed.

March 20 – virtual

June 19 – in person

September 18 – virtual

December 11 – in person

Monica Folk will inquire about holding the June meeting in Bronson Forrest.

The Executive Committee will work tighter to identify and confirm speakers. This will be added to the Executive Committee agenda every month. An eblast will be sent periodically asking for speaker / topic suggestions from members.

V. Member Care

Membership invoices will be sent in December - January. The Executive Committee will seek out new members.

VI. Old Business

Mr. Johnson will work on a USACE meeting in the first quarter. They will discuss an SQT training since DNR will likely approach the SCMA to implement this.

VII. Committee Reports

Mr. Johnson made a motion to create a **Government Affairs Committee**. Kristin Knight-Meng seconded the motion, which carried. Mr. Johnson made a motion for Tara Allden to chair the committee and Allen Conger to serve as liaison. Mr. Conger seconded the motion, which carried. Mr. Nelson, Bob Perry, and Doug Hughes will serve on the committee.

Partnership: Ms. Redmond will work with the Partnership Committee to identify relevant agencies who the new lobbyist, Annie Wilson, may want to work with.

Technical: Jonathan Page will chair this committee in 2024-2025 with Tory Grayson serving as the liaison.

SCDOT: Mr. Johnson will chair the SCDOT/USACE Committee. Mr. Nelson will assist. Ms. Folk volunteered for this committee.

VIII. New Business

A flyer will be developed to highlight successes and initiatives.

The ERBA is working to strengthen its state ties. Mr. Nelson and Mr. Johnson will work on this initiative.

VIII. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 9:00 AM, Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes submitted by: Kristin Knight-Meng

Approved by: Executive Committee, January 9, 2024