

South Carolina Mitigation Association

Membership Meeting
Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2018

Opening

The 4th quarter membership meeting of the South Carolina Mitigation Association was called to order at 2:00 on December 12, in Charleston, SC by Tara Allden.

Committee Members (Present | Absent)

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

General Discussion

- Tara contacted David Wilson (USACE) to discuss the SOP. The revised SOP is on-hold due to the volume of prospectus documents under review.
- The group discussed and suggested a presentation by David Wilson at the next quarterly meeting.
- Bob Perry introduced the Palmetto Green Committee.
- The general assembly directed the Conservation Bank to generate a map that identifies priority areas and corridors for conservation. Several members expressed concern with identifying priority areas and introduced the potential for this map to increase the cost of land protection and mitigation.
- Each committee will 'own' and plan a quarterly meeting.
- Tara Allden will draft a job description for the administrative support position and will provide this information to Ross Nelson. The executive committee will discuss the position responsibilities and vehicles for advertising the position at the next executive committee meeting. This individual will be responsible for updating the website.
- The executive committee will review and discuss the contract for hosting and managing the website during the next call.

Lobbying

- SCMA will establish a legislative committee.

- Kip Dillihay and Bob Perry will identify and engage viable lobbyist. Kip and Bob will present the estimated (annual) expense and viable lobbyist alternatives to the executive committee.
- Bob recommended that SCMA coordinate with a firm that has an existing lobbyist.

Membership Update

- No news.

Regulatory Committee

- Ryan Smith will chair the regulatory committee.
- The regulatory committee will establish a meeting with David Wilson (USACE) to discuss the SOP and offer (SCMA's) support.

Partnership Committee

- Bob introduced Palmetto Green.
- The group discussed Charleston County's mitigation needs.
- The existing SCDOT partnership/relationship is an on-going partnership committee activity.

SCMA/SCDOT meeting

- SCMA distributed a draft RFP, provided by the SCDOT. SCMA will respond to the Department (before the holidays in 2018) and provide feedback related to the scope of work and payment schedule. All members were encouraged to send feedback to Ross and Sarah Bazemore and Josh Gilman will support the response.
- The SCDOT will not publish the results of the WETs model.

Legislative Committee

- The legislative committee will present a proposal to the executive committee to retain a lobbyist.
- This (new) committee will develop content to facilitate political outreach and education.
- This committee suggest that the SCMA membership identify and communicate with their legislators.
- This committee will strive to identify and communicate the valuable role of mitigation as it relates to economic development.
- This committee may be able to 'piggyback' on the Carolina Bays tax credit.

Technical Committee

- The technical committee is establishing a wetland group.
- This committee discussed a stream group.
- This committee introduced the Vicksburg (MS) standard operation procedure and a net improvement matrix.
- This committee recommended a presentation by Scott Harder, section chief of the DNR hydrology group.
- The group introduced and discussed the potential for a technical mitigation conference in South Carolina.

Website

- No updates.

Financial

- ~\$74k in the checking account.

Action Items:

- See above

Adjournment

- Tara Allden adjourned the meeting.
- Daniel Johnson submitted the minutes.
- Approved by: [Name]