

**South Carolina Mitigation Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2024
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 by Daniel Johnson, SCMA President.

Attending:

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| Daniel Johnson, President | Monica Folk |
| Tory Grayson, Vice President | Doug Hughes |
| Kristin Knight-Meng, Secretary | Sydney Redmond |
| Ross Nelson, Treasurer | Chris Ryan |
| Allen Conger | Ryan Smith |
| Adrienne Graham | |

II. Approval of Minutes

Ross Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April Executive Committee meeting. Allen Conger seconded the motion, which carried.

III. Financial Report

Mr. Nelson reviewed the financial report. He reiterated that the SCMA needs to continue to build membership.

IV. Quarterly Meeting

David Wilson and Mindy Hogan, both with USACE, are confirmed to speak at the June 19 meeting. Leslie Skardon, CEO Sustain SC, will also present.

The Committee discussed and agreed to leave in place the non-member fee to attend the quarterly meetings. It was agreed that someone may not attend as a non-member more than once. The idea is for them to learn more about the SCMA and recognize its value at one meeting.

VI. Old Business

Mr. Nelson reviewed the USACE – SCMA meeting on March 23 with Brad Carey, Melinda Hogan Charlse, Jordan Jessop, Erica Stone, and David Wilson. Mr. Nelson, Mr. Johson and Tory Grayson represented the SCMA.

Mr. Wilson agreed to share a pre-release version of the SQT with a select group to promote discussion. The USACE is committed to the two-credit system. They seemed unaware of the SCMA’s comments and conversion formulas on this issue.

The USACE is paying close attending to bank approval. They have requested one contact per bank to facilitate communications.

The Corps headquarters is rolling out performance indicators for mitigation to meet the rules: 550-day for approval, including consultant iteration and 225-day regulatory review.

Mr. Carey committed to using SCMA to distribute public notices.

The Executive Committee discussed a process to track data. Specific questions to capture consistent data are needed. The intent is to use it for instruction, not criticism. Mr. Grayson and Kristin Knight-Meng will work together on this.

VII. Committee Reports

Partnership: Sydney Redmond reported the committee is working on scholarship promotion. Registration and sponsorships for the clay shoot are available online. The Young Professional Program is being put on hold due to a lack of interest.

The NAEP-SC is holding a Mitigation 101 seminar. Water and Land Solutions is presenting.

Technical: No updates.

Government Affairs: Mr. Conger reported that the SCMA is establishing a presence at the DNR Board meetings. The Committee is working to identify strategic partnerships.

SCDOT Committee: Mr. Johnson will schedule a meeting.

New Business

Lindsey Troutman, Wildlife Biologist (and bat expert), US Fish and Wildlife could not make the June meeting work with her schedule. Erica Stone, USACE, is interested in presenting the decision documents and how to efficiently prepare them. Both are willing to present virtually prior to our September meeting.

Mr. Nelson suggested that non-members may attend for \$400 – the amount of non-voting membership.

Mr. Nelson made a motion to allow Mr. Johnson to coordinate this event in August. It may replace the September Quarterly Meeting or maybe a special event. Ms. Folk seconded the motion, which carried.

IX. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 9:00 AM

Minutes submitted by: Kristin Knight-Meng

Approved by: