

**South Carolina Mitigation Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
November 14, 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:

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| Ross Nelson, President | Allen Conger |
| Daniel Johnson, Vice President | Tory Grayson |
| Kristin Knight-Meng, Secretary | Doug Hughes |
| Sydni Redmond, Treasurer | Chris Ryan |
| Tara Allden | Adrienne Graham |

II. Approval of Minutes

Daniel Johnson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of October. Allen Conger seconded the motion, which carried.

III. Financial Report

Adrienne Graham presented Sydni Redmond's report in her absence. The financials are as expected. The clay shoot may net approximately \$6000.

IV. Quarterly Meeting

Mr. Nelson will reach out to Brad Carey and David Wilson with the USACE to speak with the members at the December meeting. He will also reach out to US Fish and Wildlife again to speak on the northern long-eared bat. An alternative may be Ben Duncan with the SC Office of Resilience. DNR and the Conservation Bank were also mentioned as options.

V. Member Care

Membership invoices will be sent in December.

VI. Old Business

Mr. Nelson is working on setting a date for the SCMA – USACE meeting. Amanda Health may have left the USACE Charleston District. The SCMA members would be interested in a succession plan for her position.

VII. Committee Reports

Partnership: Ms. Graham presented Ms. Redmond's report.

- The clay shoot was a success; thanks to all that attended and helped make this a fun event!
- Ms. Redmond will schedule a call with Lee Williams with NAEP-SC to join efforts in next year's fundraising event. She will provide details to the Executive Committee in the coming weeks.
- Work on the improved conservation easement template is ongoing.
- Mr. Grayson will reach out to Bob Perry and cc Allen Conger to discuss steps and timeline for a Mitigation 101 presentation for DNR. Several template presentations have been circulated within the Partnership Committee and can be updated to meet the SCMA's needs. Mr. Grayson will report to Mr. Nelson, Mr. Johnson and Ms. Redmond on the results.

Technical: Tory Grayson reported that the USACE said the SQT will be released before the end of the year. Mr. Grayson is offering that the SCMA review it before its final release.

Mr. Nelson will send the Site Selection Draft Criteria comment letter.

SCDOT: Mr. Nelson reported that there has not been a meeting recently. The SCDOT is in a solicitation process currently and may not be able to meet as a result.

VIII. New Business

Mr. Nelson has spoken to the current Executive Committee members. Tara Allden will step back in 2024. Mr. Nelson thanked her for her efforts in getting the SCMA formed and continued leadership since 2013.

Monica Folk with Norfolk Southern volunteered to serve. She will fill Ms. Allden's seat.

The proposed slate:

Daniel Johnson - Chair

Tory Grayson - Vice-Chair

Kristin Knight-Meng - Secretary

Ross Nelson – Treasurer, SCDOT and USACE Committee Chair

Allen Conger

Monica Folk

Doug Hughes

Sydni Redmond - Partnership Chair

Chris Ryan

Ryan Smith

Chris Ryan made a motion to accept the slate presented. It was noted that nominations are open until November 30. Mr. Conger seconded the motion.

Mr. Nelson will review the bylaws to ensure the voting process is smooth at the December 6 meeting.

Ms. Graham will send the slate out on December 1.

VIII. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 6, 3:00 PM, Quarterly Member Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 9:00 AM, Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes submitted by: Kristin Knight-Meng

Approved by: Executive Committee, December 12, 2023