

**South Carolina Mitigation Association  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
October 11, 2022  
Video Conference**

**I. Opening**

The regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Mitigation Association was called to order at 9:04 AM via Zoom by Ross Nelson, the SCMA President. A quorum was present.

**Attending:**

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| Ross Nelson, President   | Tory Grayson |
| Sydni Redmond, Treasurer | Doug Hughes  |
| Tara Allden              | Chris Ryan   |
| Allen Conger             | Ryan Smith   |
| Adrienne Graham          |              |

**II. Approval of Previous Minutes**

Allen Conger made a motion to approve the minutes of September 13. Chris Ryan seconded the motion, which carried.

**III. Financial Report**

Sydni Redmond reported the association is on track

**IV. Quarterly Meeting**

Mr. Nelson reported that Will Harman is confirmed for the October 12 virtual meeting. His presentation will be more of an overview and the driving factors in creating the SQT and the SQT in SC, and not focused on the small details. The attendees should be able to understand the reasoning behind it. He asked that committee chairs be prepared to provide brief updates.

The Executive Committee agreed to move the December meeting to Columbia from 3:00 – 5:00 PM with a social following. Mr. Conger will work on the details with Adrienne Graham.

**V. Member Care**

Mr. Nelson will speak to Monica Folk about her request to serve on a committee.

Mr. Conger will develop a membership highlight card to clearly state the tiers and benefits that can be distributed.

Wood Environmental division has been transferred to WSP Global out of Canada, the largest engineering firm in the world.

**VI. Old Business**

Tory Grayson reported he is still working on PRM projects follow up. Jerry Brown offered to submit data from Alabama that SC methodology could be applied to. SC samples would be preferred but any project could help. Ryan Smith may have information from the Lynches River Mitigation project with stream components. Mr. Grayson will also request data from the SCDOT. There may be relevant data available with S&ME for the Panthers project. Mr. Ryan may also have projects that may work for the sample.

Mr. Nelson will keep trying to schedule a meeting though Amanda Heath at the USACE to get back to the larger mitigation discussions focused on timeliness and response time, new hires, and other matters.

## **VII. Committee Reports**

**Partnership:** Ms. Redmond reported the SCMA Inaugural Clay Shoot is progressing. Sponsorship spots are available and there is room for teams. Kip Dillihay is working with Sustain SC to distributed information on the SCMA Clay Shoot. Ms. Graham will share registration list with Mr. Nelson.

The SCMA will have a booth at the SC Water Resources Conference. One registration is available and will be offered to a member.

An eblast is going out to outside contractors aimed at sponsorships for meetings and the Clay Shoot.

**Technical Committee:** Mr. Grayson noted everything is still SQT, but the committee is still interested in wetlands hydrology. The SCMA is waiting on the USACE to determine the direction. Mr. Grayson will resend the invitation for the Technical Committing meetings and will include Tara Allden and Ryan Smith.

**SCDOT Committee:** Mr. Nelson noted Committee will meet on 10/11. A notice to members was emailed two times for questions or input for the SCDOT.

Mr. Grayson noted that in meetings with the SCDOT, USACE and other IRT members, our industry position has been that any transition in the credit system does not disincentivize participation in the future. One way we have been doing this is to normalize the shift between credit systems and the different levels of effort between the current system and SQT. This may differ from the SCDOT's position. The ratio the SCMA Technical Committee came up with is 10-12 depending on the difference in cost; the USACE is at about 12-13. The cost difference is due to increased level of effort in surveying required to run the SQT as well as designs and on-going monitoring. There may also be more requirements in biological and physiochemical requirements.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 AM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 7, 2022, 9:00 AM

Minutes submitted by: Kristin Knight-Meng, Secretary

Approved by: