

South Carolina Mitigation Association

Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes – SPECIAL MEETING
March 5, 2020

Opening

A special meeting of the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Mitigation Association (SCMA) was called to order March 5, 2020 at 9:30 am via conference call by Allen Conger.

Attending:

Tara Allden

Allen Conger

Tommy Cousins

Doug Hughes

Daniel Johnson

Kristin Knight-Meng

Ross Nelson

Ryan Smith

Blair Wade

I. Discussion of Recommendations for SCDOT for Solicitation Scoring Based on Range of Credit Availability

- Allen stated that SCDOT is looking for advice as to how approved MBI's and credit releases or approved prospectuses might be preferred over proposals with projects that are not as far along. Allen and Daniel have done some research in other states. Daniel stated that in North Carolina there is a requirement by both NC Division of Mitigation Services and NCDOT to have documented land control (option). Tennessee DOT doesn't require land control, but incentivizes the credit schedule with a higher technical score.
- There was a discussion of the overall aim of SCDOT with this question. Ross suggested that due to their current solicitation method, they can't do a weighted score unless they switch to an RFP process with a technical score.
- Allen stated that SCDOT had mentioned the Florida DOT process as a model and that this group should look into that. Doug stated that Florida DOT awards everyone and simply goes down the list of cheapest credits to purchase. If the credits aren't available, FDOT moves on to the next provider. For due diligence, a provider must give FDOT a credit ledger.
- There was further discussion of options available to SCDOT, such as adding milestones with scoring options or having regulatory agencies visit the site as part of the solicitation requirements. However, these additional items may lead to delays or contested awards.
- Ross suggested meeting with SCDOT Procurement to receive their advice on what was allowable under their solicitation rules. Is it possible that SCDOT Procurement staff could attend upcoming meeting on 3/12/2020? Allen said he would mention that to SCDOT. He and Daniel will summarize our discussion and send to the rest of the Executive Committee before submitting to SCDOT.

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15 am by Allen.

Minutes submitted by: Kristin Knight-Meng

Approved by: Executive Committee 4.14.2020