

**South Carolina Mitigation Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2025
Video Conference**

I. Opening

The regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Mitigation Association was called to order at 9:03 AM by Daniel Johnson, SCMA President.

Attending:

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

II. Antitrust Statement

Mr. Johnson reminded all of the antitrust statement that was attached to the agenda.

III. Approval of Minutes

Ross Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes from the March Executive Committee Meeting. Doug Hughes seconded the motion, which carried.

IV. Financial Report

Mr. Nelson reviewed the March financials, noting there were many unpaid members. He noted the goal for membership dues for 2025 was far behind with only ten voting members having paid their dues so far. The need to reach out to potential members and determine the status of nonprofits was emphasized. Adrienne Graham will share the list with the Executive Committee.

V. Member Care

Mr. Hughes will reach out to Sabine and Lord Berkley on outstanding dues. Mr. Nelson and Mr. Johnson will reach out to the others.

VI. Quarterly Meeting

The Committee discussed forgoing the March quarterly membership meeting and focusing on an in-person June meeting. They discussed scheduling a quarterly meeting for June 11th, with the possibility of inviting Director Mulliken from SCDNR to speak. They also considered partnering with the NAEP-SC for a joint meeting. Ms. Graham will ask Annie Wilson to assist in contacting him Mr. Mulliken. We are flexible on the date.

VII. Old Business

Mr. Nelson reported that Sustain SC offered to renew the SCMA membership at a \$500 non-profit rate. The Committee agreed to hold off on this.

Mr. Johnson continues to discuss the EPIC study with Becca Madson. EPIC is delaying due to a potential project/grant with the USACE. The Committee considered alternative options, such as finding a coder or programmer to run the program and revisiting the project's scope and schedule.

VIII. Committee Reports

Partnership: Sydni Redmond, Chair, reported that planning has kicked off for the clay shoot with NAEP-SC. There are minor tweaks to sponsorship and a \$25 increase in participation cost to include golf carts for all participants. Ms. Redmond encouraged members to register and sponsor the event and reminded everyone that the scholarship application is open.

Technical: Mr. Johnson confirmed that the SCMA feedback on the SQT was provided to the Corps. However, the Corps currently has put the SQT on hold, with no immediate plans for implementation. The committee's suggestion to use the SQT to justify net improvement factors is being considered.

SCDOT/USACE: Mr. Johnson discussed the current state of the Corps and its leadership. He did mention to the Executive Committee there may be potential delays in response timeframes, which could lead to the bank being pulled and the project being put back on public notice to show a more favorable timeline for the Corps.

Mr. Nelson and Mr. Johnson are trying to schedule a meeting with Lisa Metheney to discuss the regulatory side and provide feedback. Ms. Matheny is the head of civilian employees for the USACE Charleston District and is over the Regulatory Division.

The SCDOT has not issued the statewide contracts but has stated they are coming any day.

Government Affairs: Mr. Nelson reported that the Committee discussed adding language to the energy legislative to promote mitigation. They were on a tight deadline and were not able to finalize it in time. Bob Perry drafted to respond to the threatened and endangered species legislation DNR was proposing. Mr. Nelson will finalize this. This is also a good topic for the DNR Director to speak on at a potential quarterly meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes submitted by: Kristin Knight-Meng, Secretary

Approved by: Executive Committee, May 13, 2205