

**South Carolina Mitigation Association  
Executive Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
November 9, 2021  
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 via Zoom by Allen Conger, the SCMA President.

**Attending:**

Allen Conger	Daniel Johnson
Tara Allden	Kristin Knight-Meng
Tommy Cousins	Ross Nelson
Doug Hughes	Jack Smith
Adrienne Graham	

**II. Approval of Previous Minutes**

Mr. Conger noted that a quorum was not present for the meeting in October, therefore the agenda from that meeting carried over to November.

Daniel Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of September 14, 2021. Tommy Cousins seconded the motion, which carried.

**III. Financial Report**

Ross Nelson reviewed the financial report and noted everything looked fine.

**IV. Quarterly Meeting**

- The December 15 meeting will be planned for in-person. Jack Smith will check the availability of Nelson Mullins' conference room. The Partnership Committee is considering space for a social after the meeting. Tentatively, the meeting will be from 2:00 - 4:30 and the social will follow at 5:30. All necessary safety protocols will be followed.
- A virtual option will be offered to the extent possible.
- Mr. Conger is awaiting confirmation from David Wilson, USACE, about speaking at the December meeting. He will also reach out to SCDOT.
- SC Department of Commerce should also be invited.
- Please contact Mr. Conger with suggestions.
- Mr. Conger will work with other Executive Committee members to form a Nomination Committee. The membership will need to elect a President and President-elect and fill other Executive Committee positions. Mr. Conger noted that with Capitol Consultants managing the financials, communications, logistics and other administrative aspects, the president can now focus on business initiatives and other executive functions. Mr. Conger will draft a letter to membership this week to request nominations.
- Soliciting new volunteers for the other committees may be done during the business meeting in December. Kristin Knight-Meng stated that Chris Ryan will step down as the head of the Technical Committee.

## **V. Member Care**

- The question has been asked a few times recently about prorated membership dues. The SCMA does not prorate dues. However, in 2021 an option was created to allow non-members to pay \$100 to attend quarterly meetings and if they decided to join in the same calendar year this fee would be deducted from the dues.

## **VI. Old Business**

- Mr. Conger has reached out to David Wilson and copied Amanda Heath at USACE multiple times to set up a follow-on meeting and to suggest regular meetings. There has been no response. Doug Hughes and others will bring this up with Mr. Wilson during their conversations and push for the meeting. This is especially important with a change in the SCMA leadership in 2022.
- Mr. Conger has asked Daniel Johnson and the Technical Committee to respond to the *Draft Use of South Carolina Stream Quantification Tool Prior to District Implementation Interim Guidelines* sent by Mr. Wilson on Saturday, November 6 with comments due November 10. Mr. Johnson commented that questions remain around grandfathering sites depending on where you are in the approval process.
- The Executive Committee would like for Mr. Wilson to know that the SCMA is a source of support. Mr. Wilson should use the SCMA for comments and distribution of materials – a faster and easier method for the USACE.
- Mr. Conger is awaiting a response from Congressman Clyburn on a meeting to discuss the mitigation industry and its importance to SC economy and environment.
- Mr. Hughes continues to meet with ERBA. This group has had discussion with senators from other states but not SC.
- Mr. Nelson volunteered to contact Senator Scott and Mr. Johnson will contact Senator Graham. Pressure from ERBA and constituents may move mitigation interests along faster.
- Ms. Graham will distribute the SCMA's Comments for the South Carolina Stream Quantification Tool (SQT) Debit Tool Calculator and Manual to DNR and SCDOT.

## **VII. New Business**

- Kristin Knight-Meng made a motion to accept the scholarship document and fund it at a level of \$2,000. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, which carried.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 AM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 14, 2021, 9:00 AM

Minutes submitted by: Kristin Knight-Meng

Approved by: