

**South Carolina Mitigation Association  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 2025  
Video Conference**

**I. Opening**

The regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Mitigation Association was called to order at 9:01 AM by Tory Grayson, SCMA Vice President.

**Attending:**

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

**II. Antitrust Statement**

Ross Nelson made a motion to waive the reading of the antitrust statement. Monica Folk seconded the motion which carried.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes of the December Executive Committee meeting. Chris Ryan seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Ryan made a motion to accept the minutes of the December Quarterly meeting. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion which carried.

**IV. Financial Report**

Mr. Nelson reviewed the December statement and the draft budget. He noted the budget does not include Sustain SC's membership dues of \$5000. Mr. Nelson will discuss a non-profit rate with Sustain SC. A proposed study by Environmental Policy Innovation Center (EPIC) and membership in ERBA was included in the budget.

Mr. Nelson proposed increasing voting membership dues to \$2000, regular non-voting to \$1000 and non-profit, non-voting to \$500. All members, but especially voting members, will be encourage to get involved with committees. Non-voting members may only serve on the Technical and Partnership Committees. Committee chairs are encouraged to reach out to members to explain the dues increase. The email that accompanies the invoices will explain the increase is directly related to advocacy.

The Executive Committee should review lobbying efforts every year to ensure there is value added.

A motion was made by Mr. Ryan to approve the budget with the increased dues rates. Sydni Redmond seconded the motion which carried.

**V. Quarterly Meeting**

Prior to COVID all quarterly meetings were in person. The mix of two in persona and two virtual is working well. A motion was made by Kristin Knight-Meng to hold the December meeting in Columbia and to another meeting in person in rotating locations. The other quarterly member meetings will be held virtually. Ms. Redmond seconded the motion which carried.

## **VII. Committee Reports**

**Partnership:** Ms. Redmond noted the Committee needs new and active members. The Scholarship link is live on the website. Ms. Graham will add the NAEP-SC conference to the SCMA website.

## **IX. New Business**

As approved in the budget, Daniel Johnson will coordinate with EPIC on a Timeline Analysis of Charleston District. This analysis will provide a comprehensive report to:

- Support the Association's lobbying efforts, specifically South Carolina Congressional offices.
- Encourage further engagement and oversight of the Charleston District's performance and encourage mitigation timeline compliance.
- Highlight areas for improvement in the Charleston District's efforts to comply with timelines.

Justification:

The Charleston District's compliance with mitigation timelines is crucial for advancing the Association's objectives.

## **IX. Adjournment**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes submitted by: Kristin Knight-Meng, Secretary

Approved by: