

**South Carolina Mitigation Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2023
Video Conference**

I. Opening

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

Attending:

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

II. Approval of Previous Minutes

Daniel Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of January with one correction on the name of Justin Hammonds. Sydni Redmond seconded the motion, which carried.

III. Financial Report

Ms. Redmond reported the association is in a good financial position. She reminded Board members to pay their membership dues. Adrienne Graham will send reminders in March to those that have not paid.

IV. Quarterly Meeting

Mr. Johnson will follow up with Justin Hammonds of the USACE Savannah District and remind Ross Nelson to follow up with David Wilson as possible presentations at the March Members Meeting. If Mr. Wilson cannot attend, Tory Grayson will ask him to write an update on the SQT.

Plan B, Mr. Nelson will reach out to Lyles Copper to provide an update on the Black River State Park or the Development Plan.

V. Member Care

Mr. Nelson encourage the Executive Committee to continue to recruit new members and encourage non-profits to join, including The Nature Conservancy.

VI. Old Business

The SCMA letter was submitted to the USACE during the public notice period in response to The Nature Conservancy's proposed in-lieu fee program. The letter is posted on the website.

The USACE now has 180 days to review monitoring reports per their email.

VII. Committee Reports

Partnership: Ms. Redmond reported that the scholarship information has been distributed and is on the website. Planning for the 2nd Annual Clay Shoot is under way. The SCMA will have a booth at the National Mitigation and Environmental Markets Conference in Jacksonville, FL in May. There will be new signage for the booth.

Technical Committee: Tory Grayson reported that there is no news on the SQT. The USACE still plans on releasing the SQT in June. David Wilson will send revisions in the next two months for review. The SCMA exchange tool may have caused a few ripples. The USACE is looking at adjusting the SQT method somewhat to reduce the ratio.

SCDOT Committee: Mr. Nelson will coordinate this year's meetings with Sean Connolly. The SCDOT is progressing on the state-wide solicitation for mitigation credits and will engage the SCMA to assist with the language. Members did ask about adjusting pricing annually at the December Member Meeting but there was not confirmation at that time.

New Business

Mr. Nelson will work with Bob Perry on a presentation to the SC Conservation Bank. It is encouraging that the Board of the Bank is interested in more information on mitigation.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 AM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 9:00 AM

Minutes submitted by: Kristin Knight-Meng, Secretary

Approved by: Executive Committee, 4/1/2023