

**Heritage Trust Advisory Board  
Parker Annex Archaeology Center  
2025 Barnwell Street, Columbia, SC 29201  
Thursday, August 10, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.**

**Members Present**

Amy Bartow-Melia  
Brad Sauls (for Eric Emerson)  
Campbell Coxe  
Emily Cope (for Robert Boyles)  
Jake Rasor  
Jonathan Leader  
Julia Krebs  
Julien Springs  
Ken Rentiers  
Kevin Hunter  
Rob Keck  
Sonny King  
Terry Hurley (for Duane Parrish)  
Tom Patton (for Scott Phillips)

**Members Not Present**

Clarke Thompson (for Harry Lightsey)

**Others Present**

Allison Morris  
Barry Kesler  
Bill Marshall  
Billy Dukes  
Dawn Beaver  
Hunter Young  
Jodi Barnes  
Jordan Baker  
Julie Binz  
Karen Smith  
Katie Gray  
Keith Bradley  
Ken Prosser  
Kiersten Weber  
Lalon Swaney  
Larry Lane  
Lelia Rice  
Lorianne Riggin  
Meg Gaillard  
Megan James  
Raleigh West  
Sam Spires  
Sean Taylor  
Van Whitehead

**Call to Order**

Chairman Coxe called the meeting to order.

**Welcome and Introduction**

Chairman Coxe welcomed the Board and thanked everyone for attending.

**Roll Call of Attendance**

Jordan Baker gave a roll call and asked participants to reply “here” when called.

**Public Comment Period**

Chairman Coxe asked if anyone wanted to speak during this time. No comments were made.

**Approval of Minutes from May 11, 2023**

Chairman Coxe noted that the minutes from the previous meeting had been sent to the Board Members. *Dr. King made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board approve the minutes from the May 11, 2023, meeting as submitted. Mr. Springs seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.*

### **Approval of Minutes from June 7, 2023**

Chairman Coxe noted that the minutes from a previous conference call had been sent to the Board members. *Dr. King made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board approve the minutes from the June 7, 2023, conference call as submitted. Mr. Springs seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.*

### **Potential Conflict of Interest Statement**

Chairman Coxe read the "Potential Conflict of Interest Statement" before going into Executive Session. No statements were made.

### **Items for Board Action**

#### **A. Habitat Protection-Conservation Property FY25 Budget**

*Dr. Leader made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board approve the Habitat Protection-Conservation Property FY 2025 Budget as presented. Dr. Krebs seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.*

#### **B. Habitat Protection-Botany FY25 Budget**

*Dr. King made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board approve the Habitat Protection-Botany FY 2025 Budget as presented. Mr. Hunter seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.*

#### **C. Cultural Preserves Management FY25 Budget**

*Dr. King made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board approve the Cultural Preserves Management FY 2025 Budget as presented. Mr. Patton seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.*

#### **D. Heritage Preserve Management FY25 Budget:**

*Dr. Krebs made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board approve the Heritage Preserves Management FY 2025 Budget as presented. Mr. Hunter seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.*

#### **E. Coastal Preserves Management FY25 Budget**

*Mr. Springs made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board approve the Coastal Preserves Management FY 2025 Budget as presented. Dr. King seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.*

### **Motion to Enter Executive Session**

*Dr. Leader made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session pursuant to S.C. Code Section 30-4-70(A)(2) to discuss a property acquisition related to Action Items F and G. Dr. King seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.*

### **Motion to Close Executive Session and Return to Public Session**

*Dr. King made a motion that the Board return to open session and let the record reflect that no action was taken in Executive Session. Dr. Leader seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.*

## **Motions on Action Items**

### **F. Potential Property Acquisition in Jasper County**

*Mr. Hunter made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board, upon the recommendation of SCDNR staff, recommend that the SCDNR Board grant preliminary approval to investigate the potential acquisition of approximately 273 acres in Jasper County that would be dedicated as a Heritage Preserve and placed into the corpus of the SC Heritage Trust and the expenditure of up to \$20,000 in Heritage Trust funds to conduct due diligence activities. Dr. Leader seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.*

### **G. Potential Property Acquisition in Oconee County**

*Dr. Krebs made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board, upon recommendation from SCDNR staff, recommend the SCNDR Board grant preliminary approval to investigate the potential property acquisition of approximately 18 acres in Oconee County that would be dedicated as a Heritage Preserve and placed into corpus of the SC Heritage Trust funds to conduct due diligence activities. Mr. Keck seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.*

## **Updates and Comments**

Mr. Rentiers thanked the staff for their continued hard work every day. He brought to the Board's attention an update about the approvals for the Conservation Easements at Patriots Point, Falls Park and McPherson Park. Mr. Rentiers also informed the Board that Van Whitehead, Deputy General Counsel for the agency, is taking a new job and that he will be greatly missed. Mr. Rentiers thanked Mr. Whitehead for the hard work and guidance he has given the Board over the years. Chairman Coxe also thanked Mr. Whitehead for the time he has dedicated to the Board and wished him well at his new job. Lastly, the Board mentioned that they would like to promote more of the Heritage Preserves to the public to inform them about the hard work staff put into these properties and encourage the public to visit more.

## **Time and Place of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board will be on Thursday, November 9, 2023. The location of the meeting will be determined at a later date.

## **Adjournment**

*Having no further business to discuss, Chairman Coxe made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board be adjourned. Mr. Springs seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Jordan Baker  
Administrative Assistant  
SC Department of Natural Resources  
Land, Water, and Conservation Division*