

MINUTES
HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD
WOODS BAY STATE PARK VISITORS CENTER
SUMTER COUNTY
MAY 7, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Campbell Coxe (Chair)
Julia Krebs
States Clawson (for Bobby Hitt)
Terry Hurley (for Duane Parrish)
Ken Rentiers
Breck Carmichael (for Alvin Taylor)
Jake Rasor
Steve Tully
Julien Springs

OTHERS PRESENT

Ken Prosser
Sean Taylor
Meg Gaillard
Johnny Stowe
Sam Stokes
Billy Dukes
Bob Perry
Sean Taylor
Julie Holling
Kathy Boyle
Caroline Causey

MEMBERS ABSENT

Eric Emerson
Tom Patton (for Gene Kodama)
Dave Cicimurri (for William Calloway)
Sonny King
Randy Lowe
Jonathan Leader

Call to Order

Campbell Coxe called the meeting to order and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Coxe asked if there were any changes, additions or deletions to the minutes from the August 7, 2014, meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board (HTAB). *Mr. Rasor made a motion that the Board approve the minutes of the August 7, 2014, meeting, as submitted. Mr. Carmichael seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.* Mr. Coxe asked if there were any changes, additions or deletions to the minutes from the November 6, 2014, meeting of the HTAB. *Mr. Rasor made a motion that the Board approve the minutes of the November 6, 2014, meeting, as submitted. Mr. Carmichael seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

Board Information Items

Completed Projects

Ken Prosser, Assistant Deputy Director for the DNR's Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division, updated members on properties acquired during the 2013 and 2014 calendar year. He noted that DNR owns approximately 285,000 acres. Of that amount, approximately 90,000 acres are dedicated through a system of 74 Heritage Preserves. During the two-year period, Mr. Prosser reported that 10 different properties comprising 4,643 acres were acquired in nine different counties. Three of the tracts were purchased below fair market value and six others were donations. A total of \$5.03 million was spent to purchase them. The value of all donated property was \$10 million. Mr. Prosser concluded by stating partnerships with other public and private sector entities played a vital role in acquiring these tracts.

A brief discussion followed on the 150,000 acreage cap mandated by state law. Ken Rentiers made the suggestion that a status report be presented at the next meeting to discuss this matter and other associated topics, including the process of dedication.

Fort Frederick

Mr. Rentiers commended Sean Taylor, Meg Gaillard, and Brian Long for the outstanding job they have done on this preserve.

Sean Taylor updated the Board on the work that took place at Fort Frederick Heritage Preserve in Beaufort County during the winter of 2014/2015. He reported that Colin Brooker & Associates completed the tabby restoration of the fort. The South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology completed excavations at the preserve and are now analyzing the material remains and writing their report. The South Carolina Archaeology Public Outreach Division assisted with four days of public tours. Mr. Taylor said four films about the work at Fort Frederick were completed by Koelker & Associates and he showed them to the Board. The titles are Tabby, Archaeology, History, and Public Tours. They were funded in part by grants from the Harry Hampton Memorial Wildlife Fund and the Humanities Council of South Carolina, and by Heritage Trust funds. These films will be available for the public to view on the SCDNR website later this year, and will be supplemented by lesson plans and other materials for incorporation into the classroom.

Executive Session

At this time, Mr. Rasor made a motion that the Board hold an Executive Session to discuss contractual and legal matters. Mr. Springs seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Return to Regular Session

Mr. Clawson made a motion that the Board return to regular session. Mr. Springs seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Razor made a motion to approve the conveyance of an additional 10 feet of right-of-way along Church Landing Road within the Little Pee Dee Heritage Preserve in Horry County. Mr. Springs seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rentiers briefly discussed the amendments being requested to the FY 16 Habitat Protection budget. He also distributed the most recent Heritage Trust revenue statement. Mr. Rentiers noted last month was very strong and revenue projections will certainly cover what is requested today, but we still have to be very careful with our spending.

Dr. Krebs made a motion to approve the amendments requested for the Habitat Protection FY 16 budget. Mr. Springs seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

A brief discussion was held on the proposed FY 16 Cultural Preserve management budget. It was noted that increases are included for equipment, additional film production, and the purchase of an archaeological database.

Mr. Razor made a motion to approve the amendments requested for the Cultural Preserve FY 16 budget. Mr. Clawson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Dr. Krebs made a motion to approve the amendments requested for the Heritage Preserve Management FY 16 budget. Mr. Razor seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board will be held Thursday, August 6, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. at Table Rock State Park in Pickens County.

Adjourn

There being no further business to be brought before the Board at this time, *Dr. Krebs made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Campbell seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.*

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