

MINUTES
HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NAURAL RESOURCES
COLUMBIA, SC
RICHLAND COUNTY
NOVEMBER 1, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Campbell Coxe (Chair)
Henry Fair (Vice Chair)
Jake Rasor
Julia Krebs
Darryl Jones (for Gene Kodama)
Eric Emerson
Breck Carmichael (for Alvin Taylor)
Ken Rentiers
Jonathan Leader

OTHERS PRESENT

Ken Prosser
Paul League
Julie Holling
Sean Taylor
Kay Daniels
Tim Ivey
Emily Cope

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sonny King
Randy Lowe
Beth Grace
Phil Gaines (for Duane Parrish)
James Hill (for Bobby Hitt)
Dave Cicimurri (for William Calloway)

Call to Order

Campbell Coxe called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, and requested they introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Coxe asked if there were any changes, additions or deletions to the minutes from the August 2, 2012 meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board (HTAB). *Mr. Fair made a motion that the Board approve the minutes of the August 2, 2012, meeting, as submitted. Mr. Rasor seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

Updates & Comments

Ken Rentiers, deputy director for DNR's Land and Water Division, reported that the SC Department of Natural Resources Board approved the Heritage Trust budgets for FY 14. He distributed the revenue statement and said the upward trend in income was continuing. Mr. Rentiers stated that he hopes Heritage Trust will back in the business of purchasing land soon.

Mr. Rentiers reminded Board members that at the last meeting he reported the Land, Water and Conservation Division had received \$2 million from the General Assembly for water planning and modeling in eight river basins across the state. Unfortunately, he stated the project was funded with non-recurring surplus funds, and those monies were cut to balance the budget. Mr. Rentiers added that funding was also lost for several other DNR projects. He said he hoped to find a way to complete the basin study on a project-by-project basis with some financial assistance from the State Department of Health & Environmental Control. If not, Mr. Rentiers said an effort will be made in the next legislative session to procure additional funding.

Next, Mr. Rentiers reported that the drought looks to continue into next year, so there will be even more focus on water planning efforts and he will keep the Board posted on it.

Mr. Rentiers mentioned that Julie Holling is beginning work on a grant proposal for acquisition of the Craig Pond property in Barnwell County.

Executive Session

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

Return to Regular Session

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

Dr. Krebs made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board recommend that the SCDNR Board approve acquisition of the Vaught Tract, within the Lewis Ocean Bay Heritage Preserve, as a donation associated with a mitigation bank instrument to be created by Environmental Banc and Exchange LLC. Mr. Fair seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting and 2013 Meeting Dates

The next meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board will be held Thursday, February 7, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. The location will be determined at a later date. The remaining dates for 2013 are: May 2, August 1 and November 7.

Adjourn

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

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