

**MINUTES
HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD
PARKER ANNEX ARCHAEOLOGY CENTER
RICHLAND COUNTY
NOVEMBER 2, 2017**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Julia Krebs
Jake Rasor
States Clawson
Sonny King
Breck Carmichael (for Alvin Taylor)
Terry Hurley (for Duane Parrish)
Julien Springs
Ken Rentiers
Steve Tully
Darryl Jones (for Gene Kodama)
Kevin Hunter

MEMBERS ABSENT

Campbell Coxe (Chairman)
Eric Emerson
Jonathan Leader
Dave Cicimurri (for William Calloway)

OTHERS PRESENT

Ken Prosser
Pat Cloninger
Tom Swaynham
Billy Dukes
Brian Long
Nick Moskos
Van Whitehead
Sean Taylor
Meg Gaillard
Tariq Ghaffar
Robert Gibbes
Harry Shealy
Kay Daniels
Debbie Winslow
Jen Konarski
Kathy Boyle
Bert Pittman

Call to Order

Dr. Julia Krebs, sitting in for Chairman Coxe, called the meeting to order and a roll call of attendance was taken.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Krebs asked if there were any changes, additions or deletions to the minutes from June 14, 2017, meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board (HTAB). *Mr.*

Tully made a motion that the Board approve the minutes of the June 14, 2017, meeting as submitted. Mr. Springs seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Krebs asked if there were any changes, additions or deletions to the minutes from August 3, 2017, meeting of the HTAB. *Dr. King made a motion that the Board approve the minutes of the August 3, 2017, meeting as submitted. Mr. Rasor seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

Board Information Item

Sean Taylor, senior archaeologist with Heritage Trust, gave an extensive report on the activities of the archaeological and cultural management staff during the last quarter. He reported they have hired three archaeologists, carried out work on Pockoy Island, participated in a fall field day event in Aiken County and an event in Columbia associated with the eclipse, conducted survey work at Wateree River Heritage Preserve (HP) and installed 911 addresses on all cultural preserves. Future activities will include survey work at Fort Lamar HP, making short films on Fort Lamar and Heritage Trust, redesigning the website, erecting guard rails at Altamaha Towne HP, and clearing vegetation at Fort Lamar HP. Work is also underway to complete mitigation associated with obtaining a permit from the Corps of Engineers to build a boat ramp at Fort Frederick HP.

Board Action Item

Pat Cloninger, Region 1 Heritage Preserve Manager for DNR, reported The City of Walhalla owns a 440-acre parcel that borders the western boundary of Stumphouse Mountain HP. They plan to partner with the Palmetto Conservation Foundation to develop several mountain bike trails on the City property and connect them to a recently built section of the Palmetto Trail on the Sumter National Forest. To accomplish this, the City requests access across the preserve to construct a single trail that will connect the City property with the Sumter National Forest. DNR proposes granting the City a 10-year temporary license. Additionally, an overflow parking area is planned on the City property. To do this, the City requests a right-of-entry across preserve land to access the new parking area. DNR proposes granting a 10-year temporary license. All project activities are located well away from known rare and sensitive species.

Mr. Rasor made a motion that the HTAB approve the granting of temporary licenses to the City of Walhalla and Palmetto Conservation Foundation to authorize the proposed activities at Stumphouse Mountain Heritage Preserve as presented. Mr. Clawson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Other Items

Updates and Comments

Ken Rentiers, deputy director of DNR's Land and Water Division, reported the agency has been going through the House Oversight Committee review process. Each state agency is audited every seven years and it provides an opportunity to inform members about DNR. Mr. Rentiers said Committee members were impressed with the new building and the work being done.

Mr. Rentiers stated he received a phone call from Senator Greg Hembree about the Ingram Dunes property in North Myrtle Beach. Senator Hembree talked with the City of North Myrtle Beach and they may have an interest in acquiring the property if finances can be procured. Mr. Rentiers reported he will be meeting with the city manager and the mayor soon to discuss the options.

Executive Session

At this time, Dr. King 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

Dr. King made a motion that the Board return to regular session, noting that no actions were taking during Executive Session. Clawson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. King made a motion that the HTAB recommend that the SCDNR Board grant preliminary approval to investigate a potential property acquisition adjoining SCDNR's Forty Acre Rock Heritage Preserve in Lancaster County and the expenditure of up to \$10,000 of the Heritage Trust funds for associated due diligence activities. Mr. Hunter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rentiers reported that Kay Daniels would be retiring after 35 years of loyal service with the Heritage Trust Program. A presentation was then made to Mrs. Daniels of a framed photograph of Botany Bay Heritage Preserve.

Time and Location of Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board will be held Thursday, February 1, 2018, location to be determined.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board at this time, *Mr. Tully made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Carmichael seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.*

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