

**MINUTES
HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD
EDISTO INTERPRETIVE CENTER
CHARLESTON COUNTY
MAY 9, 2018**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Campbell Coxe (Chairman)
Steven Tully
Jake Rasor
Sonny King
Julien Springs
States Clawson (for Bobby Hitt)
Darryl Jones (for Scott Phillips)
Ken Rentiers
Terry Hurley (for Duane Parrish)
Emily Cope (for Alvin Taylor)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kevin Hunter
Julia Krebs
Jonathan Leader
Eric Emerson

OTHERS PRESENT

Keith Bradley
Alicia Farrell
Barry Kesler
Bert Pittman
Dawn Beaver
Debbie Miller-Winslow
Herrick Brown
Jennifer Konarski
Kathy Boyle
Ken Prosser
Lorianne Riggan
Sean Taylor
Mary Lucas
Don Winslow

Before the meeting, the Heritage Trust Advisory Board (HTAB) members and others visited the Pockoy Island Shell Ring research site at Botany Bay Heritage Preserve/Wildlife Management Area.

Call to Order

Chairman Campbell Coxe called the meeting to order a few minutes early. There was a sign-in sheet, so no roll call of attendance was needed. A thank you was given for the Harry Hampton Fund providing today's lunch.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Cox asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2017, meeting of the HTAB. The motion was carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous Items

Ken Rentiers, Deputy Director of DNR's Land, Water and Conservation Division, introduced Dawn Beaver. Dawn is now in the position left empty when Kay Daniels retired.

Chairman Coxe mentioned this morning's trip to Pockoy Island. He said that it was a great trip, and that there is a lot to do in very little time.

Board Information Items

Habitat Protection Program Update – Venus Fly Trap by Bert Pittman, Botanist, Heritage Trust. Bert introduced botanist Keith Bradley who gave a presentation on his work at Lewis Ocean Bay from September 2016 to August 2017. After Keith's presentation, Bert spoke on the Venus Fly Trap, and took questions from Board members.

Cultural Heritage Trust Program Update – Remains of the South Carolina Railroad at Hitchcock Woods Heritage Preserve by Sean Taylor, Archaeologist, Heritage Trust.

Board Action Items

Henderson Heritage Preserve – Miller Tract - Approval for SCDOT Restoration Work on Bridge Creek by Lorianne Riggin, Director, Office of Environmental Program. Donation of Jackson Tract, and Lorianne is asking for permissions outlined in her handout. She is asking for temporary access and temporary limited disturbance on Henderson Heritage Preserve. A motion was made that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board grant temporary access to SCDOT and its agents to conduct restoration work along Bridge Creek as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Other Items

Updates and Comments

Ken Rentiers, Deputy Director of DNR's Land, Water and Conservation Division, thanked Debbie Miller-Winslow, Jennifer Konarski, Dawn Beaver, and Maia Ingle for their work in planning and setting up today's HTAB Meeting.

Mr. Rentiers announced that Meg Gaillard was selected as the LWCD Employee of the Year. He also announced that Parker Annex had received an Adaptive Use Award from Historic Columbia. He said there will be an awards luncheon later this year.

Executive Session

A motion was made that the Board hold an Executive Session to discuss contractual and legal matters. The motion carried unanimously.

Return to Regular Session

A motion was made that the Board return to regular session. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made for the HTAB to recommend to the SCDNR Board approval of the acquisition of approximately 56 acres adjoining SCDNR's Blackwell Heritage Preserve in northern Greenville County to be dedicated as a Heritage Preserve and placed in the corpus of the SC Heritage Trust. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made for the HTAB to recommend to the SCDNR Board approval of the acquisition of approximately 158 acres adjoining SCDNR's Forty Acre Rock HP/WMA in Lancaster County to be dedicated as a Heritage Preserve and place in the corpus of the SC Heritage Trust. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made for the HTAB to recommend to the SCDNR Board approval of the acquisition of approximately 1,757 acres south of U.S. Highway 276 between South Saluda and Middle Saluda Rivers in northwestern Greenville County. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rentiers announced that Bert Pittman would be retiring on June 1, 2018.

Chairman Coxe announced that today was Jake Rasor's last HTAB meeting. He is taking a seat on the SCDNR Board.

Time and Location of the Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board will be held on Thursday, August 2, 2018, location to be determined.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board at this time, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Christie Beaver
Administrative Assistant
SC Department of Natural Resources – Land, Water and Conservation Division