

Minutes
Heritage Trust Advisory Board Meeting
Parker Annex Archaeology Center
2025 Barnwell Street
Columbia, SC 29201
November 1, 2018 – 11:00 AM

Members Present

Steven Tully
Kevin Hunter
Julien Springs
Jonathan Leader
States Clawson (for Bobby Hitt)
Tom Patton (for Scott Phillips)
Terry Hurley (for Duane Parrish)
Emily Cope (for Alvin Taylor)
Bill Marshall (for Ken Rentiers)

Members Absent

Sonny King
Campbell Coxe (Chairman)
Julia Krebs
Eric Emerson
William Calloway
Norman Pulliam

Others Present

Alyssa Jones
Austen Pickhardt
Barry Kessler
Billy Dukes
Dawn Beaver
Herrick Brown
Jacob Hamill
James Fowler
Johnny Stowe
Karen Smith
Ken Prosser
Meg Gaillard
Pat Cloninger
Rebecca McKee
Robert Gibbes
Scott McFall
Sean Taylor
Tariq Ghaffar
Tom Swaynham
Van Whitehead
Will Britz
Willie Simmons

Call to Order

Mr. Julien Springs, sitting in for Chairman Coxe, called the meeting to order. There was a sign-in sheet, so no roll call of attendance was needed. Mr. Bill Marshall, with the Land, Water and Conservation Division of the SC Department of Natural Resources, introduced himself. He explained that he was attending at the request of Mr. Ken Rentiers, Deputy Director of the Land, Water and Conservation Division, who had to be present at the Planning Process Advisory Meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Springs asked if everybody had read the minutes. *Mr. Clawson made a motion that the Board approve the minutes of the August 2, 2018, meeting as submitted. Mr. Tully seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

Items for Board Information

Gopher Tortoise Research at Aiken Gopher Tortoise Heritage Preserve

Rebecca McKee, a graduate student at the University of Georgia, gave a powerpoint presentation on her research.

Pockoy Island Shell Ring Update

Sean Taylor, archaeologist with the Heritage Trust program, spoke on the work done at the Pockoy Island Shell Ring Site at Botany Bay. He had lab tables set with different artifacts from Pockoy and went from table to table talking about the items, answering questions, and encouraging everybody to feel free to touch the items.

Parker Annex Archaeology Center Summer Internship Program

Meg Gaillard, archaeologist with the Heritage Trust program, spoke briefly about the Summer Internship Program, which is for rising high school juniors and seniors. The applications can be found on the South Carolina Heritage Trust website.

Hitchcock Woods Conservation Easement Update

Van Whitehead, Assistant Chief Counsel with the SC Department of Natural Resources, gave a brief update on the Easement. There are additional due diligence items that need to be done before we would be able to move forward, and he will be working on this.

Introduction of Heritage Preserves Staff

Billy Dukes requested to add an item to the agenda, which was to introduce the Heritage Preserves staff, who were present. He introduced Austen Pickhardt from Region 1, Johnny Stowe from Region 2, Barry Kessler from Region 3, and James Fowler from Region 4. He added that there is one biologist and one technician, as well as interns, in each Region.

Items for Board Action

Forty Acre Rock Management Plan

Johnny Stowe gave a brief presentation on how 40 Acre Rock was formed. It is the biggest in the state, and it was acquired in 15 different tracts over a long period of time. Mr. Stowe did not go over the Management Plan in the meeting because the plan had been sent to the Board members in their meeting materials. *Mr. Springs made the motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board approve the Forty Acre Rock Management Plan as presented. Mr. Leader seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

Executive Session

Mr. Tully made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss the potential property acquisition in Greenville County. Mr. Leader seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Mr. Tully made a motion that the Board return to open session.

Potential Property Acquisition in Greenville County

Mr. Clawson made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board recommend that the SCDNR Board grant preliminary approval to investigate a potential property acquisition of approximately 108 acres adjoining SCDNR's Ashmore Heritage Preserve/Wildlife Management Area in Greenville County, including the expenditure of up to \$20,000 of Heritage Trust funds for associated due diligence activities. Mr. Tully seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Other Items

Time and Location of the next Board Meeting

On behalf of Ken Rentiers, Dawn Beaver presented a request to set the dates for all 2019 Heritage Trust Advisory Board meetings to be scheduled for a day other than the first Thursday of the months in which the Board meets, which is February, May, August, and November. The reason for the request is that a Planning Process Advisory Committee was formed during 2018, and they meet the first Thursday of every month. Mr. Rentiers is a member of that committee and is unable to attend both meetings when they fall on the same day. Mr. Tully asked if we had a day in mind, and Ms. Beaver replied that we did not; our only request was that it not be the first Thursday on the month. *Mr. Tully made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board meet on the second Thursday of the months of February, May, August, and November in 2019. Mr. Leader seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.* The next meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board was set for Thursday, February 14, 2019. An invitation was extended for the Board to hold the meeting at Fort Frederick, but no decision was made.

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. Clawson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Christie Beaver
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