

Minutes
Heritage Trust Advisory Board Meeting
Edisto Environmental Learning Center
Edisto Island, SC 29438
Thursday, May 9, 2019 12:30 p.m.

Members Present

Steven Tully
Campbell Coxe (Chairman)
Julia Krebs
Brad Sauls (for Eric Emerson)
Tom Patton (for Scott Phillips)
Ken Rentiers
Terry Hurley (for Duane Parrish)

Members Absent

Kevin Hunter
Sonny King
Julien Springs
Jonathan Leader
Bobby Hitt
Alvin Taylor
William Calloway
Norman Pulliam

Others Present

Austen Pickhardt
Billy Dukes
Blaik Keppler
Brooke Myres
David Lucas
Dawn Beaver
Deanne Myrick
Debbie Miller-Winslow
Hagood Coxe
Joe Wilkinson
Kathy Boyle
Keely Lewis
Ken Prosser
Lauten Sutley
Lorianne Riggin
Pat Cloninger
Phil Maier
Robert Boyles
Roger Hux
Sean Taylor

Call to Order

Chairman Coxe called the meeting to order. There was a sign-in sheet, so no roll call of attendance was needed. Chairman Coxe then read the FOIA statement.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Coxe noted that the minutes from the previous meeting had been sent to all Board members. *Dr. Krebs made a motion that the Board approve the minutes of the February 14, 2019, meeting as submitted. Mr. Rentiers seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

INTRODUCTION OF THOSE PRESENT

Because there were several guests present, Chairman Coxe asked everyone to go around the room and introduce themselves.

Item for Board Information

- A) Coastal Heritage Preserves presentation
Blair Keppler, Manager of the ACE Basin National Estuarine Research Reserve, gave a powerpoint presentation on the coastal heritage preserves with which the Marine Resources Division is involved.

Items for Board Action

- A) Property Acquisition-Acceptance of Donation in Horry County
- B) Potential Property Acquisition in Lancaster County
- C) Potential Property Acquisition in Lexington County
- D) Potential Property Acquisition in Aiken County
- E) Potential Property Acquisition in Edgefield County

Executive Session

Dr. Krebs made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss investigation of potential property acquisition related to items A, B, C, D and E. Mr. Patton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Dr. Krebs made a motion that the Board return to open session. Mr. Tully seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Property Acquisition-Acceptance of Donation in Horry County

Dr. Krebs made a motion that the SCDNR Board approve the acquisition, by donation from Horry County, of the Horry County Mitigation Bank Site, a 3,707.6-acre property in Horry County to be incorporated into the Heritage Trust Program as a part of Lewis Ocean Bay Heritage Preserve, conditional upon the successful completion of all due diligence and approval by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Tully seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Potential Property Acquisition in Lancaster County

Mr. Sauls made a motion that move the Heritage Trust Advisory Board recommend that the SCDNR Board grant preliminary approval to investigate a potential property acquisition adjoining Forty Acre Rock Heritage Preserve/WMA in Lancaster County and the expenditure of up to \$20,000 of Heritage Trust funds to conduct due diligence activities. Mr. Patton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Potential Property Acquisition in Lexington County

Mr. Patton made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board concur with the SCDNR Board's action on March 22, 2019, to grant preliminary approval to investigate a potential property acquisition adjoining SCDNR's Congaree Creek Heritage Preserve in Lexington County and also to approve the expenditure of up to \$20,000 in Heritage Trust funds to conduct due diligence activities. Mr. Tully seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Potential Property Acquisition in Aiken County

Mr. Tully made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board recommend that the SCDNR Board grant preliminary approval to investigate a potential property acquisition in Aiken County, 38AK 0854(the Stoney Bluff/Dave Site), and the expenditure of up to \$10,000 of Heritage Trust funds for associated due diligence activities. Dr. Krebs seconded the motion and the motion carries unanimously.

Potential Property Acquisition in Edgefield County

Ms. Hurley made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board recommend that the SCDNR Board grant preliminary approval to investigate a potential property acquisition in Edgefield County, 38ED0221(the Baynum Site), and the expenditure of up to \$10,000 of Heritage Trust funds for associated due diligence activities. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Other Items

Updates and Comments from Ken Rentiers

Ken commended staff on the work being done at Pockoy. He shared that Pockoy had come to us by accident, and that there is some urgency to the project. He said that Mississippi State students would be at Pockoy the following week to work with our staff.

Time and Location of the August 8th Board Meeting

Chairman Coxe said that he would discuss this with Ken.

Adjournment

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Christie Beaver
Sr. Administrative Assistant
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