

Minutes
Heritage Trust Advisory Board Meeting
Parker Annex Archaeology Center
2025 Barnwell Street, Columbia, SC 29201
Thursday, August 8, 2019 10:00 a.m.

Members Present

Tom Holloway
Kevin Hunter
Sonny King
Campbell Coxe (Chairman)
Jonathan Leader
Brad Sauls (for Eric Emerson)
States Clawson (for Bobby Hitt)
Tom Patton (for Scott Phillips)
Bill Marshall (for Ken Rentiers)
Terry Hurley (for Duane Parrish)
Emily Cope (for Robert Boyles)
Jake Rasor

Members Absent

Julia Krebs
Julien Springs
William Calloway

Others Present

Barry Kesler
Billy Dukes
Blaik Keppler
David Lucas
Dawn Beaver
Karen Smith
Ken Prosser
Meg Gaillard
Pat Cloninger
Sean Taylor
Tom Swaynham
Van Whitehead
Lelia Rice
Marshal McGee
Brooks Taylor
Katie Gray
Kiersten Weber
Samantha Spires
Kieran Kirk
Larry Lane
Jacob Hamill
Joseph Lindler
Gavin Taylor

Call to Order

Chairman Coxe read the Freedom of Information Statement and called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Coxe noted that the minutes from the previous meeting had been sent to all Board members. *Mr. Leader made a motion that the Board approve the minutes of the May 9, 2019, meeting as submitted. Mr. King seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

Introduction of Those Present

Chairman Coxe welcomed Tom Holloway to the Board. Mr. Holloway is the appointee for District 1, replacing Mr. Stephen Tully. There were several guests present, including the Archaeology interns, so Chairman Cox asked everyone to go around the room and introduce themselves.

Item for Board Information

A) Cultural Heritage Trust Program Update

Sean Taylor gave an overview of the latest field work at Pockoy. Pockoy is washing into the ocean very quickly. In this latest visit they found a whale vertebra, but they don't yet know what type it is. The site had 1400 visitors during the 3 weeks they were there. It took a week to set up the site before any work could begin. 20 students from Mississippi State University came to do survey work. Tanner Arrington created an app to allow them to use their iPhones as their field book. They came home with over 2000 bags of artifacts.

Items for Board Action

- A) Pat Cloninger, the Region 1 Wildlife Coordinator, presented a request for a Stumphouse Mountain Heritage Preserve License agreement for Palmetto Conservation Fund (PCF). They want to develop a mountain bike park and are requesting access to our easement only to haul materials. They would only need this access for 2 to 3 weeks.**
Mr. Leader made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board approve the short-term license agreement as presented to allow PCF to access and clear a pre-existing road to move lumber and rip rap to their project site. Mr. King seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
- B) Bill Marshall presented the Habitat Protection Budget Request FY2021(see attachments).**
Mr. King made a motion to approve the Habitat Protection Budget Request FY2021 as presented. Mr. Patton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
- C) Sean Taylor presented the Cultural Preserve Management Budget Request FY2021(see attachments). The increase requested is primarily in salary and Fringe (health insurance, etc.) as they need more FTE's.**
Mr. Leader made a motion to approve the Cultural Preserve Management Budget Request FY2021 as presented. Mr. King seconded the motion and the motion carries unanimously.

- D)** Billy Dukes, the Chief of Wildlife, presented the Heritage Preserve Management Budget Request FY2021 (see attachments). The program contains 58 Preserves, and the staff numbers are staying the same.

Mr. King made a motion to approve the Heritage Preserve Management Budget Request FY2021 as presented. Mr. Holloway seconded the motion and the motion carries unanimously.

- E)** Blaik Kepler, Director of Coastal Reserves and Outreach, presented the Coastal Preserves Budget Request FY2021 (see attachments). The Coastal Preserves are managed by the Marine Resources Division (MRD) of DNR. Staff and Fringe are part of the requested increase. Ms. Kepler also presented a request for repairs to two Capers Island Heritage Preserve Public Access Docks (see attachments). The repairs include the replacement of two floating docks. The main pier has been repaired and is in good shape.

Mr. King made a motion to approve the Coastal Preserves Budget Request FY2021 as presented. Mr. Leader seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. King made a motion to fund the Capers Island repairs. Mr. Leader approved the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

- F)** Property Acquisition Project in Lancaster County

- G)** Property Acquisition Project in Oconee County

Executive Session

Mr. Leader made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss investigation of potential property acquisition related to items F and G. Mr. King seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Property Acquisition Project in Lancaster County

Mr. King made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board recommend to the SCDNR Board approval of the acquisition of two adjacent properties, comprising approximately 59 acres each, adjoining SCDNR's Forty Acre Rock Heritage Preserve/WMA in Lancaster County to be dedicated as a Heritage Preserve and placed in the corpus of the SC Heritage Trust. Mr. Clawson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Property Acquisition Project in Oconee County

Mr. Leader 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 793 acres adjoining Stumphouse Mountain Heritage Preserve/WMA in Oconee County and the expenditure of up to \$20,000 of Heritage Trust funds to conduct due diligence activities. Mr. King seconded the motion and the motion carries unanimously.

Time and Location of the November 14th Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 14, 2019. Woodbury WMA and Hamilton Ridge WMA were mentioned as possible locations. Chairman Coxe said that he would investigate those possibilities,

Adjournment

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

*Respectfully submitted,
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