

Minutes
Heritage Trust Advisory Board Meeting
Parker Annex Archaeology Center
2025 Barnwell Street, Columbia, SC 29201
Thursday, November 14, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

Members Present

Campbell Coxe (Chairman)
Julia Krebs
Julien Springs
Jonathan Leader
Brad Sauls (for Eric Emerson)
States Clawson (for Bobby Hitt)
Chisolm Beckham (for Scott Phillips)
Ken Rentiers
Terry Hurley (for Duane Parrish)
Emily Cope (for Robert Boyles)
Jake Rasor

Members Absent

Tom Holloway
Kevin Hunter
Sonny King
William Calloway

Others Present

Austen Pickhardt
Bill Marshall
Billy Dukes
Blaik Keppler
Dawn Beaver
Harry Shealy
Joe Lemeris
Jordan Baker
Ken Prosser
Lorianne Riggan
Pat Cloninger
Sean Taylor
Tom Swaynham
Van Whitehead

Call to Order

Chairman Coxe called the meeting to order.

Welcome and Introduction

Chairman Coxe had everybody around introduce themselves.

Introduction of Jordan Baker

Ken Rentiers introduced Jordan Baker, the newest member of the Land, Water and Conservation team. Jordan filled the position of Senior Administrative Assistant left vacant when Dawn Beaver moved to the position of Assistant Business Manager.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Coxe noted that the minutes from the previous meeting had been sent to all Board members. *Mr. Springs made a motion that the Board approve the minutes of the August 8, 2019, meeting as submitted. Mr. Leader seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

Items for Board Information

A) Cultural Heritage Trust Program Update

NOTE: The agenda for this meeting showed that Mr. Taylor would present “Cultural Connections: ACE Basin and the Lower Wateree”. Mr. Taylor stated that he had been overly ambitious when he had given Ms. Beaver the original title, stating that he would come back to this topic at a later date. Mr. Taylor informed the Board that most of the team was working at Fort Frederick. There may be construction of a boat landing there later, so the team is stripping the top layer of soil. They recently acquired a new excavator, and it is making a big difference in the work. He showed a 28-minute film on the Heritage Trust website, “The Ring People”, which ETV will air on December 30 at 7:30pm.

Executive Session

Mr. Springs made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session for legal advice related to a utility easement request, and to discuss investigation of a potential property acquisition related to item A. Ms. Cope seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Ms. Cope made a motion that the Board return to public session. Mr. Leader seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Property Acquisition Project in Pickens County

Mr. Leader made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board concur with the SCDNR Board’s action on August 14, 2019, to grant preliminary approval to investigate a potential property acquisition of approximately 12 acres adjoining Wadakoe Mountain Heritage Preserve and Jocassee Gorges WMA in Pickens County and also to approve the expenditure of up to \$20,000 in Heritage Trust funds to conduct due diligence activities. Mr. Springs seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Other Items

Mr. Rentiers brought to the Board’s attention to the enclosed South Carolina Heritage Trust Fund Document Stamp Receipts & Investment Earnings. He made note of the staff change within the Heritage Trust Natural Area program with the retirement of both Bert Pittman and Kathy Boyle, and with Herrick Brown leaving to work at the University of South Carolina. He also noted that interviews to fill these positions were coming up.

Time and Location of the November 14th Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2020. The time and place of this meeting has yet to be decided.

Adjournment

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Christie Beaver
Assistant Business Manager
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Land, Water and Conservation Division*