

**Heritage Trust Advisory Board Meeting
Teleconference Meeting
Thursday, May 14, 2020 - 11:00 a.m.**

Members Present

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

Others Present

Austen Pickhardt
Billy Dukes
Brian Long
David Lucas
Dawn Beaver
James Fowler
Joe Lemeris
Jordan Baker
Keith Bradley
Ken Prosser
Lauton Sutley
Lorianne Riggin
Sean Taylor
Tom Swaynham
Van Whitehead

Members Absent

William Calloway

Call to Order

Chairman Coxe called the meeting to order.

Welcome and Introduction

Chairman Coxe and Ken Rentiers gave a quick greeting to everyone.

Teleconference Guidelines

Chairman Coxe addressed that since this was a teleconference to make things easier, asked each person to state their name when speaking so it can be properly recoded.

Roll Call of Attendance

Jordan Baker gave a roll call and asked attendees to say “here”.

Approval of Minutes from February 27, 2020

Chairman Coxe noted that the minutes from the previous meeting had been sent to all Board members. *Mr. Clawson mad a motion that the Board approve the minutes of the February 27, 2020, meeting as submitted. Mr. King seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

Items for Board Information

- A) Update on Glassy Mountain Heritage Preserve: Austen Pickhardt, Heritage Preserve Biologist, Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries
Austen Pickhardt presented an update on the management plan at Glassy Mountain. Ms. Pickhardt also stated that the final plan would be sent after the meeting and needed final approval from the Board. Some of the final plans included location maps, soil maps that all had more descriptions added to it. It also includes mechanical means and chemical updates to the Heritage Preserve.

Executive Session

Mr. Hunter made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss items A, B, and C. Ms. Cope seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

- A) Property Acquisition – Acceptance of Donation in Berkeley County: Lorianne Riggan, Director, Office of Environmental Programs, Executive Division
B) Property Acquisition Project in Edgefield County: Brian Long, Cultural Preserve Manager, Land, Water and Conservation Division
C) Property Acquisition of Page’s Millpond: Sean G. Taylor, Senior Archaeologist, Land, Water and Conservation Division, and Ken Rentiers, Deputy Director, Land, Water and Conservation Division

Open Session

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

Property Acquisition Acceptance of Donation in Berkeley County

Mr. King made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board approve the acquisition, by donation from Environmental Banc and Exchange, of the French Quarter Creek Mitigation Bank Site, a 440.26 acre property in Berkeley County to be incorporated into the Heritage Trust Program as a part of the Keystone Heritage Preserve as recommended by the Heritage Trust Advisory Board, conditional upon the successful completion of all due diligence and approval by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. Mr. Hunter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Property Acquisition Project in Edgefield County

Dr. Krebs made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board, subject to available funds in the Heritage Trust Budget of up to \$20,000, recommend to the SCDNR Board final approval of the acquisition of approximately 134 acres in Edgefield County to be dedicated as a heritage preserve and placed in the corpus of the SC Heritage Trust. Mr. Leader seconded the motion and the motion carried on unanimously.

Property Acquisition of Page’s Millpond

Mr. King made a motion that The Heritage Trust Advisory Board does not approve the acquisition of Page’s Millpond as a Heritage Trust property and recommends use of the \$400,000 in State appropriated funds to acquire the property and donate it to the Town of Lake View. Mr. Hunter seconded the motion and the motion carried on unanimously.

Other Items

Mr. Rentiers gave a brief update on how staff have been handling work during Covid-19. He explained that most of the staff is working from home and some are still doing field work. SCEIS has online training that staff have been taking advantage of during this time. Overall, the staff is keeping a positive attitude during these uncertain times. He mentioned that the anticipated Pockoy Island trip was postponed due to Covid-19 and staff hopes to return in September. He also stated that we are still monitoring Heritage Preserves regularly and there have been more visitors during Covid-19 since more people are at home and want to get out.

Time and Place of the August 13, 3030 Board Meeting

No time or place was given yet, but as soon as it is decided the Board will be notified.

Adjournment

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

*Respectfully Submitted,
Jordan Baker
Administrative Assistant
SC Department of Natural Resources
Land, Water and Conservation Division*