

**HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD  
VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING  
Thursday, August 13, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.**

**Members Present**

Tom Holloway  
Kevin Hunter  
Campbell Coxe  
Dr. Julia Krebs  
Julien Springs  
Jonathan Leader  
Brad Sauls  
States Clawson  
Tom Patton  
Ken Rentiers  
Terry Hurley  
Emily Cope  
Jake Rasor

**Members Absent**

Sonny King  
William Calloway

**Others Present**

Alicia Farrell  
Andrew Hook  
Austen Pickhardt  
Bill Marshall  
Billy Dukes  
Blaik Keppler  
Corbin Jenkins  
David Lucas  
Dawn Beaver  
James Fowler  
Jen Konarski  
Joe Lemeris  
Jordan Baker  
Keith Bradley  
Ken Prosser  
Lorianne Riggin  
Meg Gaillard  
Sam Chappellear  
Sean Taylor  
Tom Swaynham  
Van Whitehead

**Call to Order**

Chairman Coxe called the meeting to order.

**Welcome and Introduction**

Chairman Coxe gave a quick greeting to everyone attending the videoconference.

**Videoconference Guidelines**

Julie Binz from Marine Resources Division gave a quick rundown on how to use GoToMeeting and went over the rules for attending the videoconference.

**Roll Call of Attendance**

Dawn Beaver gave a roll call of attendees and asked those present to say “here”.

**Public Comment Period**

Chairman Coxe asked if anyone wanted to speak during this time. There was no comment.

### **Approval of Minutes from May 14, 2020**

Chairman Coxe noted that the minutes from the previous meeting had been sent to all Board members. *Mr. Rentiers made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board approve the minutes from May 14, 2020, meeting as written. Mr. Springs seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

### **Item for Board Information**

- A) Natural Heritage Data Portal/Tools Update: Joe Lemeris, GIS/Data Manager, Natural Heritage Program, Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division Joe Lemeris gave an update on the Natural Heritage Data Portal. He has been managing the data base, getting information out to the public. Some highlights on the updated data portal include inventory of species by county, the ability to track who is requesting data, links to public survey forms, and links for biologist. There is also the capability to use this via phone. Joe Lemeris and his team came up with a plan to update the system by using software they already had such as ArcGIS enterprise. They also had assistance from SCDOT to help improve the quality. The new update has provided an easier way for the public to access the Natural Heritage Data Portal.

### **Items for Board Action**

- A) Dedication of South Fenwick Island as a Heritage Preserve: Blaik Keppler, Director, Coastal Reserves & Outreach, Marine Resources Division.  
*Mr. Hunter made a motion to approve the request as presented. Dr. Krebs seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*
- B) Glassy Mountain Heritage Preserve Management Plan Update: Austen Pickhardt, Heritage Preserve Biologist-Region 1, Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division  
*Dr. Krebs made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. Leader seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*
- C) Lewis Ocean Bay Heritage Preserve - Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority Contract for Waterline Easement: Van Whitehead, Assistant General Counsel, Legal Office  
*Mr. Springs made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. Hunter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*
- D) Tom Yawkey Wildlife Center – Renovation License for Yawkey Foundation: Jamie Dozier, Project Leader, Tom Yawkey Wildlife Center, Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division  
*Mr. Springs made a motion to approve the request as presented. Dr. Krebs seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*
- E) Brasstown Creek HP – Battle Valley Farm LLC Access Easement: Ken Prosser, Assistant Deputy Director, Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division  
*Dr. Krebs made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. Hunter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

- F)** Habitat Protection Budget FY22: Bill Marshall, Program Manager, Rivers and Habitat Protection, Land, Water and Conservation Division  
*Dr. Krebs made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Mr. Leader seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*
- G)** Cultural Preserve Management Budget FY22: Sean Taylor, Senior Archaeologist, Cultural Preserve Management, Land, Water and Conservation Division  
*Mr. Hunter made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Mr. Leader seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*
- H)** Heritage Preserve Management Budget FY22: Billy Dukes, Chief of Wildlife, Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division  
*Dr. Krebs made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Mr. Hunter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*
- I)** Marine Resources Budget FY22: Blaik Keppler, Director, Coastal Reserves & Outreach, Marine Resources Division  
*Mr. Springs made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Mr. Hunter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

### **Executive Session**

*Ms. Hurley made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss property acquisitions related to items J, K, L, M, N, and O. Mr. Springs seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

**J)** Property Acquisition in Oconee County - Final Approval: Ken Prosser, Assistant Deputy Director, Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division

**L)** Potential Property Acquisition in Jasper County: Ken Prosser, Assistant Deputy Director, Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division

**M)** Potential Property Acquisition in Horry County: Ken Prosser, Assistant Deputy Director, Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division

**N)** Potential Property Acquisition in Beaufort County: Sean Taylor, Senior Archaeologist, Cultural Preserve Management, Land, Water and Conservation Division

**O)** Potential Property Acquisition in Orangeburg County: Ken Rentiers, Deputy Director, Land, Water and Conservation Division

### **Open Session**

*Mr. Springs made a motion that the Board return to public session and let the record reflect that no action was taken in Executive Session. Dr. Krebs seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

**Property Acquisition in Oconee County-Final Approval:**

*Dr. Krebs made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board, subject to standard due diligence, recommend to the SCDNR Board final approval of the acquisition of approximately 793 acres adjoining Stumphouse Mountain Heritage Preserve/WMA in Oconee County to be dedicated as a heritage preserve and placed into the corpus of the SC Heritage Trust. Mr. Springs seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

**Potential Property Acquisition in Hampton County:**

*Dr. Krebs 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 937 acres in Hampton County that would be dedicated as a heritage preserve and placed into the corpus of the SC Heritage Trust, and 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 on unanimously.*

**Potential Property Acquisition in Jasper County:**

*Ms. Hurley made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board recommend the SCDNR Board grant preliminary approval to investigate a potential property acquisition of approximately 973 acres in Jasper County that would be dedicated as a heritage preserve and placed into the corpus of the SC Heritage Trust, and the expenditure of up to \$20,000 in Heritage Trust funds to conduct due diligence activities. Mr. Clawson seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

**Potential Property Acquisition in Horry County:**

*Mr. Springs 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 1,020 acres in Horry County that would be dedicated as a heritage preserve and placed into the corpus of the SC Heritage Trust, and the expenditure of up to \$20,000 in Heritage Trust funds to conduct due diligence activities. Mr. Hunter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

**Potential Property Acquisition in Beaufort County:**

The motion was voided.

**Potential Property Acquisition in Orangeburg County:**

*Mr. Leader made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board recommend that the SCDNR Board grant preliminary approval to investigate a potential acquisition of the life estate interest in 923 acres in Orangeburg County that would be dedicated as a heritage preserve, and the expenditure of up to \$20,000 in Heritage Trust funds to conduct due diligence activities. Ms. Hurley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

**Other Items**

Mr. Rentiers thanked everyone for their work and praised his team.

**Time and Place of the November 12, 2020 Board Meeting**

Chairman Coxe stated that there was no official time or place, but the meeting will most likely be virtual.

**Adjournment**

*Having no further business to discuss, Dr. Krebs made a motion that the meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board be adjourned. Mr. Springs seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

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