

**HERITAGE TRUST ADBISORY BOARD
VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING
Thursday, February 10, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.**

Members Present

Brad Sauls (for Eric Emerson)
Chisolm Beckham (for Scott Phillips)
Emily Cope (for Robert Boyles)
Jake Rasor (for Norman Pulliam)
Jonathan Leader
Julia Krebs
Julien Springs
Ken Rentiers
Kevin Hunter
Norris Thigpen (for Harry Lightsey)
Rob Keck
Sonny King
Terry Hurley (for Duane Parrish)
Tom Holloway

Members Not Present

Campbell Coxe
Meredith Nichter (for Amy Bartow-Melia)

Others Present

Abi Locatis Prochaska
Barry Kesler
Bill Marshall
Billy Dukes
Csilla Czako
Dawn Beaver
Joe Lemeris
Jordan Baker
Julie Binz
Keith Bradley
Ken Prosser
Rachel Milan
Robert Clark
Sean Taylor
Tyler Brown
Van Whitehead
Willie Simmons

Call to Order

Mr. King, sitting in for Chairman Coxe, called the meeting to order.

Videoconference Guidelines

Rachel Milan and Abigail Locatis Prochaska from Marine Resources Division went over a quick rundown on how to use GoToMeeting and went over the rules for attending the videoconference.

Invocation

Dawn Beaver gave the invocation for the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Rentiers led the Pledge of Allegiance for the Board. After the Pledge was made Mr. Leader stated that he had no issue with the pledge but had an issue with invocation due to religious reasons and wished to speak on the matter later.

Welcome and Introduction

Mr. King welcomed the Board to the meeting.

Roll Call of Attendance

Jordan Baker gave a roll call and asked participants to say “here” when called.

Public Comment Period

Mr. King asked if anyone wanted to speak during this time. No comment was made.

Approval of Minutes from November 4, 2021

Mr. King noted that the minutes from the previous meeting had been sent to the Board members. *Mr. Keck made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board approve the minutes from the November 4, 2021, meeting as submitted. Mr. Hunter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously*

Potential Conflict of Interest Statement

Mr. King read the “Potential Conflict of Interest Statement” before going over the Items for Board Action.

Items for Board Action

A) Heritage Preserve (HP) Tracts to be Committed to the Corpus of the SC Heritage Trust:

- 1) Bennett’s Bay HP – TNC Tracts I and II (528 ac)**
- 2) Bunched Arrowhead HP – TNC II Tract (2.4 ac)**
- 3) Cartwheel Bay HP (568 ac)**
- 4) Crab Bank HP (32 ac)**
- 5) Deveaux Bank HP (15 ac)**
- 6) Little Pee Dee River HP – Dargan Tract, Dargan III Tract, and Ward Tract (1,794 ac)**
- 7) Savage Bay HP – Douglas/Rogers Tracts (3), Rodgers Tract, McPhatter Tract, and Trivett Tract (21 ac)**
- 8) Stevens Creek HP – Majors Tract (83 ac)**
- 9) Woods Bay HP – Anderson Tract (43 ac)**

Dr. Krebs made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board, upon the recommendation of SCDNR staff, recommend that the SCDNR Board commit the following tracts to the corpus of the SC Heritage Trust:

- a) Bennet’s Bay HP – TNC Tracts I and II*
- b) Bunched Arrowhead HP – TNC II Tract*
- c) Cartwheel Bay HP*
- d) Crab Bank HP*
- e) Deveaux Bank HP*
- f) Little Pee Dee River HP – Dargan Tract, Dargan III Tract, and Ward Tract*
- g) Savage Bay HP – Douglas/Rogers Tracts (3), Rodgers Tract, McPhatter Tract, and Trivett Track*
- h) Stevens Creek HP – Majors Tract*
- i) Woods Bay HP – Anderson Tract*

Mr. Hunter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

B) Tracts to be Dedicated as Heritage Preserves and Committed to the Corpus of the SC Heritage Trust:

- 1) Cathedral Bay HP (58 ac)**
- 2) Chandler HP – Coggins Tract (2 ac)**
- 3) Clear Creek HP (18 ac)**
- 4) Congaree Creek HP – SCANA Tracts (2) (17 ac)**
- 5) Fort Lamar HP (14 ac)**
- 6) Laurel Fork HP – Chinquapin Hollow Tract (360 ac)**
- 7) Lewis Ocean Bay HP – Tiger Bay Tract and Tilly Swamp Tract (1,290 ac)**
- 8) Little Pee Dee HP – Tilghman II Tract (1 ac)**
- 9) Peters Creek HP – Hough/Rogers Tract (127 ac)**
- 10) Stoney Creek Battery HP (1 ac)**
- 11) Victoria Bluff HP – Beaufort County Tract (2 ac)**

12) Woods Bay HP – Travelers Insurance Tract (325 ac)

Mr. Hunter made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board, upon the recommendation of SCDNR staff, recommend that the SCDNR Board dedicate the following tracts as heritage preserves and commit them to the corpus of the SC Heritage Trust:

- a) Cathedral Bay HP*
- b) Chandler HP – Coggin’s Tract*
- c) Clear Creek HP*
- d) Congaree Creek HP – SCANA Tracts*
- e) Fort Lamar HP*
- f) Laurel Fork HP – Chinquapin Hollow Tract*
- g) Lewis Ocean Bay HP – Tiger Bay Tract and Tilly Swamp Tract*
- h) Little Pee Dee HP – Tilghman II Tract*
- i) Peters Creek HP – Hough/Rogers Tract*
- j) Stoney Creek Battery HP*
- k) Victoria Bluff HP – Beaufort County Tract*
- l) Woods Bay HP – Travelers Insurance Tract*

Dr. Krebs seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Motion to Enter Executive Session:

Dr. Krebs made a motion that the Board into Executive Session pursuant to S.C. Code Section 30-4-70(A)(2) to discuss property acquisitions related to Items C, D, E, F, and G. Mr. Hunter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

C) Potential Property Acquisition in Greenville County – Preliminary Approval, Bunched Arrowhead HP: Ken Prosser, Assistant Deputy Director, Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries

D) Potential Property Acquisition in Greenville County – Preliminary Approval, Poinsett Bridge HP: Sean Taylor, Senior Archaeologist, Land, Water and Conservation

E) Poinsett Bridge Capital Improvement Project: Sean Taylor, Senior Archaeologist, Land, Water and Conservation

F) Property Acquisition in Edgefield County - Final Approval, Horse Creek HP: Sean Taylor, Senior Archaeologist, Land, Water and Conservation

G) Property Acquisition in Lexington County – Final Approval, Congaree Creek HP: Sean Taylor, Senior Archaeologist, Land, Water and Conservation

Return to Public Session

Mr. Leader made a motion that the Board return to open session, and let the record reflect that no action was taken in Executive Session. Mr. Keck seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Motions on Items for Action

C) Potential Property Acquisition in Greenville County – Preliminary Approval, Bunched Arrowhead HP

Dr. Krebs made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board, upon the recommendation from SCDNR staff, recommend that the SCDNR Board grant preliminary approval to investigate a potential property acquisition of approximately 29 acres southeast of Bunched Arrowhead Heritage

Preserve in Greenville 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.

D) Potential Property Acquisition in Greenville County - Preliminary Approval, Poinsett Bridge HP

Mr. Sauls made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board, upon the recommendation of SCDNR staff, recommend that the SCDNR Board grant preliminary approval to investigate the potential purchase of approximately 294.65 acres adjoining Poinsett Bridge Heritage Preserve in Greenville 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 of Heritage Trust funds for associated due diligence activities. Dr. Krebs seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

E) Poinsett Bridge Capital Improvement Project

Mr. Thigpen made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board, upon the recommendation from SCDNR staff, approve an additional \$549,970 from the Heritage Trust Fund for the Poinsett Bridge Stabilization and Improvement Project and recommend that the SCDNR Board approve the same. Mr. Hunter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

F) Property Acquisition in Edgefield County - Final Approval, Horse Creek HP

Mr. Keck made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board, upon the recommendation of SCDNR staff and subject to standard due diligence, recommend that the SCDNR Board grant final approval of the acquisition of approximately 86.22 acres in Edgefield County that will be dedicated as a heritage preserve and placed into the corpus of the SC Heritage Trust and the expenditure of \$400,000 in Heritage Trust funds for the purchase. Mr. Sauls seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

G) Property Acquisition in Lexington County – Final Approval, Congaree Creek HP

Mr. Hunter made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board, upon the recommendation of SCDNR staff and subject to standard due diligence, recommend that the SCDNR Board grant final approval of the acquisition of approximately 127 acres in Lexington County that will be dedicated as a heritage preserve and placed into the corpus of the SC Heritage Trust and the expenditure of \$2,500,000 in Heritage Trust Funds for the purchase. Dr. Krebs seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Other Items

Mr. Rentiers asked everyone to look at the revenue updates that were included in their packets, he commented on the growth and is hoping that the Heritage Trust continues to grow. Mr. Rentiers thanked his staff for their continued hard work and thanked Mr. King for stepping in as acting chair. Lastly Mr. Rentiers said he would discuss the invocation with Mr. Leader and Mr. Keck.

Time and Place of the Thursday, May 12, 2022

The next meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board will be Thursday, May 12, 2022. The location of the next meeting is to be determined at a later date.

Adjournment

Having no further business to be brought before the Board at this time, Mr. Hunter made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board be adjourned. Mr. King seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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