

**Heritage Trust Advisory Board Meeting
Parker Annex Archaeology Center
2025 Barnwell Street ~ Columbia, SC 29201
Thursday, August 11, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.**

Members Present

Brad Sauls (for Eric Emerson)
Campbell Coxe
Chisolm Beckham (for Scott Philips)
Jake Rasor
Jonathan Leader
Julia Krebs
Julien Springs
Ken Rentiers
Kevin Hunter
Norris Thigpen (for Harry Lightsey)
Sonny King
Terry Hurley (for Duane Parrish)

Members Absent

Rob Keck
Emily Cope (for Robert Boyles)
Amy Bartow-Melia

Others Present

Billy Dukes
Dawn Beaver
Gabe Donofrio
Hunter Young
Jacob Hamill
Joe Lemeris
Jordan Baker
Julie Binz
Karen Smith
Keith Bradley
Ken Prosser
Lalon Swaney
Lorianne Riggan
Meg Gaillard
Megan James
Sam Spires
Scott Park
Sean Taylor
Tanner Arrington
Van Whitehead

Call to Order

Chairman Coxe called the meeting to order.

Welcome and Introduction

Chairman Coxe gave a quick welcome to the Board and everyone attending.

Roll Call of Attendance

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

Public Comment Period

Chairman Coxe asked if anyone wanted to speak during this time. No comment was made.

Approval of Minutes from May 12, 2022

Chairman Coxe noted that the minutes from the previous meeting had been sent to the Board Members. *Dr. King made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board approve the minutes from the February 10, 2022, meeting as submitted. Dr. Krebs seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

Items for Board Information

A) Town of Six Mile – Upstate Forever Conservation Easement Proposal: *Scott Park, Upstate Forever*

Scott Park from Upstate Forever spoke with the Board to discuss a conservation easement they are working on in the town of Six Mile. The project is a nature walk with 60 acres of donated land. The town of Six Mile was founded in 1910 and named for its location; later in history it was a trading post and continued its growing population. Upstate Forever is focused on water quality protection; they work with private landowners and municipalities to help with water quality in the upstate. This nature walk will take up to 60 acres and it will be located near the Six Mile creek and the elementary school. There is a lot of local wildlife and nature in the area for children to come explore and learn. This nature walk is beneficial for the whole community and is a great opportunity for the public of all ages to get involved in outdoor activities. The walk is heavily wooded, filled with small ponds, and big fields. They are also looking into putting viewing platforms, keeping up with forest management and protecting the wildlife in the area. Mr. Park showed the Board several photos of the area. A few Board members asked about property lines and discussed the next steps for this proposal. Mr. Rentiers stated that the next step would be a hearing held by the town, and DNR staff would be there to help answer any questions.

B) SCDNR Archaeology Updates

Sean Taylor presented some updates and highlights of the Cultural Preserves team. Mr. Taylor noted that his team has been able to do a lot of work throughout the state due to the great grants that have come in. They are working to finalize a new Heritage Preserve called Horse Creek, working on new story maps, and he noted that Meg Gaillard has had over 50 interns come and go since she started her intern program. Ms. Gaillard has also been offered the opportunity to participate in a training workshop in the Netherlands. Karen Smith sponsored a meeting on historic archaeological sites in our state. Gabe Donofrio has been working on creating 3D models of different artifacts with SketchFab. Mr. Taylor mentioned that they are looking to add more land to the Congaree Heritage Preserve in the future. A Fort Lamar story map is coming soon, and they are still working on several artifacts from Pockoy. Chris Moore had worked on stone tools, recently learning about different knives. Mr. Moore had to take them to Oregon to be swabbed and testing showed them to be made of bison, horse, and other large creatures. Jodi Barnes has been working on grants that were acquired for the shoreline. Ms. Barnes has been working on Yawkey, which was a former fishing village in the 1900s. The shoreline has been drastically changing over the last few years and the cultural team has been working as quickly as possible to collect as much information as they can. Brian Long hired a new tech to help with the ongoing workload. Overall, Mr. Taylor is proud of his team and the continued dedication they provide to cultural preserves.

C) Cerveny Report on Long Ridge Site 38PN122

Ken Rentiers mentioned to the Board that the report for Long Ridge Site 38PN122 in the upstate was in their packets. Mr. Rentiers said that this would be discussed at the November meeting, but that he wanted the Board to have the report now to read through ahead of the November meeting.

Potential Conflict of Interest Statement

Chairman Coxe read the “Potential Conflict of Interest Statement” before going into Executive Session. No Statement was made

Items for Board Action

A) Heritage Trust Programs Amendment to FY23 Budget:

Dr. Krebs made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board approve the Heritage Trust Programs Amendment to FY23 Budget as presented. Dr. King seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

B) Natural Heritage Preserve Management Program FY24 Budget: Billy Dukes, Chief of Wildlife, Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division

Dr. Krebs made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board approve the Natural Heritage Preserve Management Program FY24 Budget as presented. Mr. Hunter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

C) Coastal Preserves Program FY24 Budget: Julie Binz, Director for Coastal Reserves and Outreach, Marine Resources Division

Mr. King made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board approve the Coastal Preserves Program FY24 Budget as presented. Mr. Hunter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

D) Habitat Protection Program FY24 Budget: Keith Bradley, Botanist, Land, Water and Conservation Division

Dr. King made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board approve the Habitat Protection Program FY24 Budget as presented. Mr. Leader seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

E) Cultural Preserve Management FY24 Budget: Sean Taylor, Senior Archaeologist, Land, Water and Conservation Division

Mr. Thigpen made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board approve the Cultural Preserve Management Program FY24 Budget as presented. Mr. Beckham seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion to Enter Executive Session

Dr. King made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session pursuant to S.C. Code Section 30-4-70(A)(2) to discuss property acquisitions related to Item F. Mr. Leader seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion to Close Executive Session and Return to Public Session

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

Item for Board Action

F) Potential Property Acquisition in Greenville County: Ken Prosser, Assistant Deputy Director, Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division

Mr. Beckham 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 33 acres north 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.

Other Items

Ken Rentiers thanked his staff for their hard work and dedication. Mr. Rentiers also complimented Keith Bradley to the Board on his presentation to the SCDNR Board. Mr. Rentiers informed the Board that in their packets is a revenue statement and asked everyone to look it over and show how we are preparing for the future.

Time and Place of the Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board will be held Thursday, November 10, 2022. The location of the next meeting is to be determined at later date, but will most likely be held in Columbia, SC.

Adjournment

Having no further business to discuss, Mr. Leader made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board be adjourned. Dr. King seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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