

MINUTES  
HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD  
AUGUST 1, 2002  
COLUMBIA, SC

Members Present

Terry Ferguson (Chair)  
Charles Bradford  
Jon Leader  
Malloy McEachin  
Freddy Vang  
Joel Felder (for Bob Schowalter)  
John Frierson  
Billy McTeer (for Paul Sandifer)  
Rodger Stroup  
Mike Foley (for John Durst)  
Bonnie Ammons (for Charlie Way)

Members Absent

Richard Porcher  
John Tucker  
William Calloway  
Julia Krebs (Vice-Chair)

Others Present

Tom Kohlsaat  
Stuart Greeter  
Chris Judge  
Ken Prosser  
Steve Bennett  
Bert Pittman  
Mary Edmonds  
Kathy Boyle  
Breck Carmichael  
Johnny Stowe  
Dan Dobbins  
Mike Creel  
Greg Lucas  
Warren Wise  
Rick Huffman  
Pat McMillan  
Dick Houk  
John Schmidt

Terry Ferguson called the meeting to order and called the roll.

Approval of May 2 Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2002 Heritage Trust Advisory Board (HTAB) meeting. The motion was approved.

Comments from the Director

In Dr. Sandifer's absence, Billy McTeer reported that another budget cut was likely for the department.

Natural Areas Committee

1. Lewis Ocean Bay and Victoria Bluff Wildfire Plans: Freddy Vang announced several changes to the plans and stated the committee as a motion recommended approval. The plans were approved.

2. Amendment to Lewis Ocean Bay Management Plan: Mr. Vang explained an amendment regarding red-cockaded woodpeckers and stated the committee as a motion recommended approval. The amendment was approved.

3. Nomination of New Committee Member: Mr. Vang stated the committee as a motion recommended John Schmidt for a position on the Natural Areas Committee. The motion was approved.

4. Fire Management: Mr. Vang reported the committee held a discussion on preserve management issues, biological surveys, inventories and the need for more personnel. Tom Kohlsaas presented a monetary estimate of those needs and Dr. Ferguson appointed a committee consisting of himself, Jon Leader, Malloy McEachern, Freddy Vang and Rodger Stroup to examine these issues and provide recommendations.

5. Crayfish Study: Mr. Vang informed the board that Shane Welch, a graduate student at Clemson, gave a presentation on the results of a study on burrowing crayfish.

6. Wadakoe Mountain Survey: Pat McMillan gave a report on an on-going biological survey at Wadakoe Mountain in Pickens County.

7. Pocotaligo Swamp: Mr. Vang reported that the item had been tabled by the committee until the next meeting.

#### Cultural Areas Committee

1. Fort Moore: Jon Leader stated that he and several others recently examined the site and found several new features in a wooded area adjoining this former trading post on the Savannah River. He added that additional archaeological testing will occur soon.

2. Childsbury Management Plan: Chris Judge explained one change in the plan and Dr. Stroup stated the committee as a motion recommended approval. The plan was approved.

3. Congaree Bluffs Survey: Mr. Judge reported on the results of a recent archaeological survey on the preserve that revealed the presence of five prehistoric sites and three historic sites.

#### Other Business

1. Stewardship: Johnny Stowe, Jamie Dozier and Mr. Judge updated members on heritage preserve stewardship activities.

2. Heritage Trust Checkoff: Dr. Ferguson informed members that the recent confusion regarding a new checkoff on the state tax form entitled "Heritage Trust Fund" will be correctly identified next year as the "War Between the States Fund."

### Budget Committee

HTAB entered executive session to discuss budget issues. They returned to regular session and voted to approve the Heritage Land Trust Fund budget. Addendums to the budget included an addition to the Waccamaw River Heritage Preserve, a biological study at Wadakoe Mountain, an increase to the capital improvements budget and a transfer of funds to law enforcement for preserve management duties.

Dr. Ferguson announced that the next meeting will likely be moved from November 7 to November 13 and 14 outside of Columbia. He added that more details will be forthcoming.

Adjourn.