

**MINUTES  
HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD  
AUGUST 2, 2006  
SC DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES & HISTORY  
COLUMBIA, SC**

Members Present

Campbell Coxe (Vice-Chair)  
Mike McShane  
Rodger Stroup  
Jake Rasor  
States Clawson (for Joe Taylor)  
Freddy Vang  
Henry Fair  
Elizabeth Grace  
Fritz Hamer (for William Calloway)  
Jon Leader  
Darryl Jones (for Bob Schowalter)  
Irvin Pitts (for Chad Prosser)

Members Absent

Julia Krebs (Chair)  
Sonny King

Others Present

Tom Kohlsaatt  
Chris Kueny  
Ken Prosser  
Kay Daniels  
Brian Long  
Val Nash  
Breck Carmichael  
Tim Ivey  
Rick Huffman  
Ann Darr  
Bert Pittman  
Barry Beasley  
Hank Stallworth  
Kathy Boyle  
Joey Holleman  
Bob Perry  
Eric Poplin  
Skip Johnson  
Mitchell Metts  
Patrick Tyndall  
Bob Perry  
Sam Chappellear  
Jamie Dozier  
Paul League  
Ed Duncan  
Mary Edmonds  
Bud Badr  
Brett Moule  
Scott Harder

Call to Order

Campbell Coxe called the meeting to order and called the roll.

### Approval of May 3 Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2006 Heritage Trust Advisory Board (HTAB) meeting. The motion was approved.

### Comments from the Director

Barry Beasley recognized Chris Kueny for his stewardship efforts at Congaree Creek Heritage Preserve. He also recognized Tom Kohlsaas, who established the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources' (SCDNR) Heritage Trust Program and who recently retired.

Dr. Beasley reviewed Heritage Trust revenues and stated fiscal year 2006 was the best year on record since the program's inception.

### I-73 Overview

Mitchell Metts from the South Carolina Department of Transportation, and Skip Johnson from the LPA Group discussed the Interstate 73 project and stated it was first proposed in 1982 to connect Detroit to Charleston, but was changed in 1991 to link Interstate 95 to Myrtle Beach. They explained the new highway would benefit residents, promote economic development, aid hurricane evacuation, and relieve local traffic congestion. Mr. Johnson stated the proposed route would encroach on the Little Pee Dee Heritage Preserve at the bridge crossing Highway 917 and impact approximately 37 acres of SCDNR land. He requested the board consider the proposal and added that sites are needed for mitigation.

### Hamilton Ridge Lodge

Dr. Stroup updated members on the historical significance of the lodge and stated it was built prior to 1860 and was one of four buildings to escape the burning of General Sherman. He said many changes have been made to the lodge and reported that the roof is in good condition. Dr. Stroup suggested eliminating access to the structure until a decision can be made regarding its long-term use.

### Active Projects

Ken Prosser reported on active projects and stated the SCDNR recently received title to a Revolutionary War battle site along the Broad River in Chester County known as Fish Dam Ford. This site is mitigation for the new bridge across the Broad River upstream of the battlefield site.

### Bond Process

Dr. Beasley reported that \$20 million in revenue bonds would be sold for the purchase of Hamilton Ridge and Woodbury instead of the original amount of \$32 million. He said the money should be received by August 16, 2006. Dr. Beasley added that the State Conservation Bank approved \$10 million in funding and approximately \$22 million is expected in federal funding. He stated annual debt service to the Heritage Land Trust Fund for repayment would be approximately \$1.8 million per year for the next 15 years, with the option of paying off the entire balance after 10 years.

Elizabeth Grace made a motion for HTAB to enter Executive Session to discuss contractual matters. The motion was seconded by Henry Fair and approved.

HTAB returned to regular session and a motion was made to approve \$100,000 as part of a partnership to acquire an addition to the Gopher Tortoise Heritage Preserve in Aiken County. The motion was approved. A motion was made for staff to obtain all pertinent information regarding Interstate 73, including optional routes and impacts to the Little Pee Dee Heritage Preserve. The motion was approved.

### Hydrology at Ditch Pond Heritage Preserve

Dr. Bud Badr gave a presentation on a hydrology study at Ditch Pond and explained that ten monitoring wells and three automated water recorders have been installed to aid in analyzing water levels and how they affect a Carolina Bay on the preserve.

### Yawkey Wildlife Center Management Plan

Jamie Dozier reviewed the proposed management plan for the Yawkey Center, which was dedicated as a heritage preserve in 1977. A motion was made to approve the plan. The motion was approved.

### Next HTAB Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 1, 2006, at the Wildlife Action Education Center in Mullins, SC. A field trip to the Woodbury tract will be on Thursday, November 2. The February 2007 meeting is tentatively scheduled for the Yawkey Center.

Adjourn.

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