

MINUTES
HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD
AUGUST 5, 2004
COLUMBIA, S.C.

Members Present

Julia Krebs (Acting Chair)
Campbell Coxe (Acting Vice-Chair)
Jake Rasor
Sonny King
Henry Fair
Barry Beasley
Rodger Stroup
Jon Leader
Freddy Vang
Joel Felder (for Bob Schowalter)
Graham Gallivan (for Bob Faith)

Members Absent

Beth Grace
Chad Prosser
William Galloway
Mike McShane

Others Present

Tom Kohlsaat
Stuart Greeter
Chris Judge
Ken Prosser
Julie Holling
Bert Pittman
Emily Cope
Kathy Boyle
Ann Darr
Cindy Aulbach-Smith
Jamie Dozier
Johnny Stowe
Harry Shealy
Rick Huffman
John Schmidt
Joey Holleman
Sammy Fretwell
Buddy Baker
John Frampton
Breck Carmichael
Ann Nolte
Mary Edmunds
Sarah Hartman
Dan Dobbins

Julia Krebs called the meeting to order and called the roll. Freddy Vang reminded members that only contractual, personnel and legal matters should be discussed in executive session.

Approval of May 6 Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2004 Heritage Trust Advisory Board (HTAB) meeting. The motion was approved.

Comments from the Director

John Frampton informed members that Tom Kohlsaas has agreed to work exclusively on the State Comprehensive Wildlife Plan and Barry Beasley will be the new chief of Heritage Trust. He stated that Heritage Trust will focus on protecting large tracts of land through partnerships with other organizations.

Natural Areas Committee

Mr. Vang stated the committee discussed the following 7 items:

1. Woolly Adelgid Problem: Mark Hall reported that this insect is killing hemlock trees in Jocassee Gorges and a study yielded several options to combat the problem, including using a beetle to eat the adelgid. He said approximately 9,000 beetles were released on four key sites in Jocassee Gorges and requested approval to release them on heritage preserves in the area. The committee as a motion recommended approval to use the beetles to combat the woolly adelgid. The motion was approved.
2. Black Bear Corridor: Jamie Dozier described a 7,000-acre migration area between Lewis Ocean Bay and Waccamaw River Heritage Preserves in Horry County. The committee as a motion recommended approval as a protection project. The motion was approved.
3. Peachtree Rock Conservation Easement and Management Plan: Ken Prosser discussed the proposed documents pertaining to this Lexington County property and the committee as a motion recommended approval of the conservation easement and management plan. The motion was approved.
4. Sassafras Mountain: Mr. Prosser described this site in Pickens County and the committee as a motion recommended acquisition of the property. The motion was approved.
5. Nine Times Property: As a matter of information, Rick Huffman gave a report on this 2,000-acre tract south of Highway 11 in Pickens County.
6. Highway 601 Property: As a matter of information, Kathy Boyle described this 450-acre tract in Lancaster County as a potential addition to the department's Forty Acre Rock Heritage Preserve.
7. Status of Approved Projects: Mr. Vang stated the committee reviewed the list and noted it would be discussed in executive session.

Cultural Areas Committee

No report.

Other Business

1. Great Falls/Rocky Shoals Spider Lily: Jim Schmidt discussed the significance of the Old Catawba riverbed at Great Falls and Cindy Aulbach-Smith reported on a study of Spider Lily sites.
2. Archaeology on Great Pee Dee Heritage Preserve: Chris Judge gave a report on archaeological research conducted on the Great Pee Dee Preserve in Darlington County.
3. Preserve Management: Mr. Dozier, Johnny Stowe and Mr. Judge updated members on preserve management activities.
4. Nominating Committee: Sonny King stated the committee recommended Julia Krebs for HTAB Chair and Campbell Coxe for Vice-Chair. Dr. Krebs opened the floor for additional nominations and stated a formal vote would be taken at the November meeting.
5. Committee Appointments: Dr. Krebs recommended Jake Rasor for appointment to the Natural Areas Committee. A motion was made and seconded to approve the appointment. The motion was approved.

Budget Committee

HTAB entered executive session to discuss contractual matters. They returned to regular session and voted to approve the Heritage Land Trust Fund budget. The preserve management budget was approved, in addition to an appropriation for Sassafras Mountain.

Adjourn.