

MINUTES
HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD
FEBRUARY 1, 2001
COLUMBIA, SC

Members Present

Terry Ferguson (Chair)
Julia Krebs (Vice-Chair)
Jon Leader
Richard Porcher
Rodger Stroup
Joel Felder (for Bob Showalter)
Charles Bradford
John Tucker
Freddy Vang
Paul Sandifer
Mike Foley (for John Durst)
Fritz Hamer (for Tony Ganong)

Members Absent

Malloy McEachin
Bonnie Ammons
John Frierson

Others Present

Tom Kohlsaat
Mark Hall
Stuart Greeter
Bert Pittman
Steve Bennett
Kathy Boyle
Chris Judge
Joey Holloman
Greg Lucas
Bethany Narboni
Barbara Hicks
Ann Jennings
Dan Dobbins
Willis Yarberry
Sue Green
Sara Hartman
Jenks Mikell
Breck Carmichael
Ann Nolte
Billy McTeer
Cary Chamblee

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

Approval of November 3 Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the November 2, 2000 Heritage Trust Advisory Board (HTAB) meeting. The motion was approved.

Comments from the Director

Dr. Sandifer had no comments to report.

Cultural Areas Committee

1. Poinsett Bridge: Chris Judge described the area and the Committee as a motion recommended approval as a protection project. The motion was approved.

2. Cedar Grove: Mr. Judge explained the significance of the site and the Committee as a motion recommended approval as a protection project. The motion was approved.
3. Seabrook Tract: Mr. Judge described the property and the Committee as a motion recommended approval as a protection project. The motion was approved.

Natural Areas Committee

1. Botany Bay Plantation: Steve Bennett and Mr. Judge delineated the area and said it contained both natural and cultural resources. Both Committees as a motion recommended approval as a protection project. The motion was approved. Visitor Jenks Mikell stated the project should receive the highest degree of protection.
2. Goodwill Plantation: Mr. Bennett and Mr. Judge explained the significance of the area and both Committees as a motion recommended approval as a protection project. The motion was approved.

Other Business

1. Supreme Court Decision: Freddy Vang informed members of a recent decision that bars isolated wetlands from regulation by state or federal government. He suggested HTAB review their inventory of isolated wetlands and attempt to protect areas in jeopardy.
2. Guests Acknowledged: Dr. Ferguson recognized Joey Holloman from The State newspaper, Ann Jennings from Congaree Land Trust, Breck Carmichael, Bethany Narboni, Ann Nolte and Barbara Hicks from DNR and Jenks Mikell.
3. Stewardship: Mr. Judge and Mr. Greeter updated members on heritage preserve stewardship activities. Mr. Greeter showed slides from public events at Crowfield Plantation, Morris Island Lighthouse and Forty Acre Rock.
4. Strategic Planning: Julia Krebs reported that the Committee had not met, but asked for additions to the list of land trusts and conservation organizations distributed at the last meeting.
5. Recognition of Heritage Trust:: Tom Kohlsaas distributed copies of the January-February edition of SC Wildlife Magazine, which is dedicated to the Heritage Trust Program. He thanked Mr. Greeter for his assistance in its formulation.
6. Review of Land Acquisition Process: Mr. Kohlsaas introduced DNR auditor Bethany Narboni and stated that she will examine Heritage Trust's land acquisition process to determine ways in which it may be streamlined.
7. DNR Habitat Initiative: Mr. Kohlsaas reminded members that DNR's number one priority is habitat protection. He reported that a steering committee has been formed to develop an

overall initiative and the committee has held their first meeting.

8. Land Bank: Mr. Kohlsaas reported that Representative Chip Campsen has introduced legislation to create a conservation bank using money from documentary stamp tax fees. He stated that the money would provide grants to various entities for land protection. Mr. Kohlsaas added that revenues to the Heritage Land Trust Fund (HLTF) from documentary stamp taxes would not be affected.

9. CARA Update: Mr. Kohlsaas stated that revisions in the original CARA proposal have resulted in a one-time appropriation of approximately 15 percent of what was originally expected to be 25 million and is now known as CARA-Lite.

Budget Committee

HTAB entered Executive Session to discuss budget issues. They returned to regular session and voted to approve the HLTF budget. Addendums to the budget included Ashmore Heritage Preserve Addition, Poinsett Bridge, Cedar Grove, Seabrook Tract and an increase to the Capital Improvements budget.

The next meeting will be on May 2-3 at either Webb Wildlife Center or Cheraw State Park. Mr. Greeter will notify members of the location.

Adjourn.