

**MINUTES
HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD
FEBRUARY 4, 2000
WAMPEE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

Members Present

Terry Ferguson, Chair
Julia Krebs
Bruce Rippeteau
Rodger Stroup
Joel Fielder (for Hugh Ryan)
Bonnie Ammons (for Charles Way)
Freddy Vang
Fritz Hamer (for Tony Ganong)
John Frierson
Richard Porcher

Members Absent

John Tucker
Charles Bradford
Billy McTeer
Buddy Jennings
Malloy McEachin

Others Present

Tom Kohlsaat
Stuart Greeter
Mark Hall
Chris Judge
Johnny Stowe
Jamie Dozier
Jon Rood
Kathy Boyle
Mary Edmonds
Bert Pittman
Bill Green
Dick Houk
Steve Bennett
Ken Prosser
Rubert Austin
Doug Bostic

Terry Ferguson called the meeting to order and called the roll. He introduced new members Bonnie Ammons, John Frierson and Richard Porcher.

Approval of November 5 Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 5, 1999, Heritage Trust Advisory Board (HTAB) meeting. The motion was approved.

Comments from the Executive Director

No comments were reported.

Cultural Areas Committee

1. Comingtee Plantation and Calais Ferry Mile Markers: After a short presentation, Dr. Stroup said the committee as a motion recommends approval of these areas as registered sites. The motion was approved.

2. John de la Howe: Dr. Stroup said the committee recommends as a motion approval to register 2 acres of the John de la Howe property. The motion was approved.
3. Morris Island Lighthouse: HTAB entered Executive Session to discuss the proposed contract and lease agreement. HTAB returned to regular session and a motion was made to place Morris Island Lighthouse on the 100 List at number 88. The motion was approved.

A second motion was made to approve the Morris Island agreement of transfer and lease to Save The Light, Inc., subject to clarification, a clear title and that all legal ambiguities are resolved. The motion was approved.

Natural Areas Committee

1. Tillman Heritage Preserve (HP) Design: Steve Bennett explained the preserve design and a motion was made to approve it. The motion was approved.
2. Oswald Gopher Tortoise Registration: Mr. Bennett explained the agreement and a motion was made to approve the area for registration. The motion was approved.
3. Victoria Bluff, Old Island, Crosby Oxypolis and Dungannon HP Management Plans: Jamie Dozier reviewed the plans and a motion was made to approve them. The motion was approved.

Other Business

1. Stewardship: Johnny Stowe and Jon Rood updated members on stewardship activities.
2. HP Rules and Regulations: As a matter of information, Mr. Stowe distributed copies of the latest draft of proposed heritage preserve regulations. Dr. Ferguson asked members to review the regulations and provide comments.
3. Future HTAB Meeting Dates: Dr. Ferguson informed members that they will meet in Columbia on May 4, at Hickory Knob State Park on August 3-4 and in Columbia on November 2.

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 Pee Dee Island Bays, the crayfish site selection study and increases to the capital improvements budget and the Chestnut Ridge acquisition project.

Other Business

Dr. Ferguson announced five action items for HTAB to consider from the strategic planning session:

1. Work with Malloy McEachin to address issues related to the acreage cap.
2. Research whether Heritage Land Trust Fund money can be used for survey work.
3. Create an educational outreach plan.
4. Request six FTE's in the 2002 budget.
5. Find our natural constituency and examine ways to thank supporters.

A motion was made to endorse these items. The motion was approved.

Adjourn.