

MINUTES  
HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD  
FEBRUARY 7, 2002  
COLUMBIA, SC

Members Present

Terry Ferguson (Chair)  
Julia Krebs (Vice-Chair)  
Jon Leader  
Richard Porcher  
Ann Nolte (for 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)  
Fritz Hamer (for Tony Ganong)

Members Absent

John Tucker  
Charles Bradford  
Malloy McEachin

Others Present

Tom Kohlsaat  
Stuart Greeter  
Chris Judge  
Ken Prosser  
Steve Bennett  
Bert Pittman  
Mary Edmonds  
Harry Shealy  
Breck Carmichael  
Kathy McDeed  
Gil Newberry  
Vic Shelburne  
Pat McMillan  
Scott Abella  
Kathy Boyle  
Bob Bailey  
Dell Isham  
Dennis Chastain  
Joey Holleman  
Dan Dobbins  
Greg Lucas  
Rick Huffman

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

Approval of November 1 Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the November 1, 2001 Heritage Trust Advisory Board meeting. The motion was approved.

Comments from the Director

In Dr. Sandifer's absence, Billy McTeer reported that the budget picture was not clear, but another cut of up to 8 percent could occur.

Natural Areas Committee

1. Wadakoe Mountain: Bert Pittman described the area and the committee as a motion

recommended approval as a protection project. The motion was approved.

2. Jocassee Gorges: Mr. McTeer described the essential character of the property and said some groups want to dedicate the entire area and others do not. He added that this was not the appropriate time to address dedication, but rather to move forward with the management plan. Mark Hall explained objectives for forest management in the area and Vic Shelburne and Scott Abella presented the results of a landscape classification study. Mary Bunch and Sam Stokes, Sr. updated members on current activities.

### Cultural Areas Committee

1. Childsbury Heritage Preserve (HP) Management Plan: Dr. Stroup reported that the committee tabled the plan until the next meeting.

2. Jocassee Gorges Cultural Character: Dr. Stroup stated that little is known about what cultural elements exist there and he emphasized the need to find out.

Fritz Hamer presented a plan to publicize Heritage Trust through an exhibition of photographs. He stated that part of the exhibition could move to different areas and that posters, books and catalogues could also be part of the plan. Dr. Hamer said a preliminary cost to set up the exhibition would be approximately \$100,000, including a contribution of \$5-10K from Heritage Trust. Dr. Ferguson urged Dr. Hamer to move forward with additional study of the plan.

As a matter of information, Dr. Stroup reported that Fort Moore is being investigated as a potential project. The property, near the Savannah River, was the state's only trading post in the late 17<sup>th</sup> and early 18<sup>th</sup> Century.

Regarding Jocassee Gorges, Dr. Ferguson stated that not enough information is known about the area to effectively manage it. He stressed the need to commission studies quickly to find rare species and cultural elements of concern. Dr. Ferguson added that the locations of these features should determine where trails, roads and facilities are constructed.

### Other Business

1. Annual Report: Stuart Greeter announced that the report will be distributed at the next meeting.

2. Stewardship: Chris Judge and Mr. Greeter updated members on heritage preserve stewardship activities. Mr. Greeter noted that Gil Newberry and other volunteers have built trails at Peter's Creek HP and he requested that she give a presentation on the work at the next meeting. Mr. Judge invited members to the annual two-week archaeological dig at Great Pee Dee HP beginning March 11. He added that a BBQ and public education day will be held Saturday, March 16.

3. Strategic Planning: Mr. Greeter reported that he attended the last land trust alliance meeting as a means of continuing to interact with other land protection groups.

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.

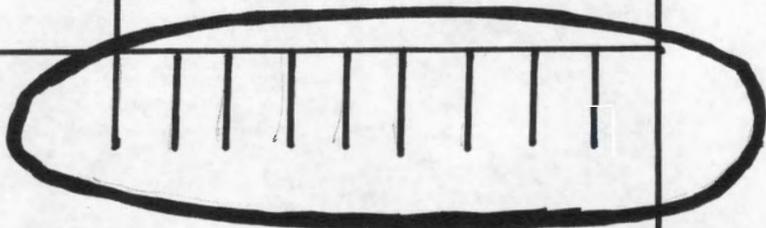
The next meeting is May 2, 2002.

Adjourn.

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