

MINUTES
HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD
MAY 2, 2002
COLUMBIA, SC

Members Present

Terry Ferguson (Chair)
Julia Krebs (Vice-Chair)
Jon Leader
Richard Porcher
Freddy Vang
Joel Felder (for Bob Schowalter)
John Frierson
Billy McTeer (for Paul Sandifer)
Rodger Stroup
Charles Harrison (for John Durst)
Lisa Kalsbeck (for Charlie Way)
Charles Bradford
John Tucker

Members Absent

Malloy McEachin
William Calloway

Others Present

Tom Kohlsaat
Stuart Greeter
Chris Judge
Ken Prosser
Steve Bennett
Bert Pittman
Mary Edmonds
Jim Sorrow
Breck Carmichael
Johnny Stowe
Gil Newberry
Ann Nolte
Ron Ahle
Joey Holleman
Wade Batson
Doug Rayner
Dan Dobbins
Greg Lucas
Ann Darr

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

Approval of February 2 Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the February 2, 2002 Heritage Trust Advisory Board (HTAB) meeting. The motion was approved.

Comments from the Director

In Dr. Sandifer's absence, Billy McTeer reported that another budget cut was forthcoming for the Department.

Natural Areas Committee

1. Ditch Pond: Steve Bennett described this undisturbed Carolina bay in Aiken County and the Committee as a motion recommended approval as a protection project. The motion was approved.

2. Wadakoe Mountain: Freddy Vang reported that Pat McMillan updated the Committee on activities at Wadakoe. In summary, he said 309 rare occurrences and 57 different rare species have been found; two of the rare plants are new, undescribed species and 11 of the species represent the only occurrence in South Carolina. Mr. Vang recommended Mr. McMillan give the report to HTAB at the next meeting.

3. Pocotaligo Swamp: Mr. Vang said the Committee is investigating this area and will bring it back to HTAB at a later time.

Mr. Vang stated the issues of prescribed burning, preserve management staffing and biological surveying will be discussed at the next meeting.

Cultural Areas Committee

1. Fort Moore: Jon Leader and John Frierson described this former trading post on the Savannah River that was operated between 1716 and 1766. The Committee as a motion recommended approval as a protection project. The motion was approved.

2. Kolb Site: Chris Judge updated members on this annual two-week archaeological excavation held at the Great Pee Dee Heritage Preserve in Darlington County.

3. Congaree Bluffs: Mr. Judge reported that an archaeological survey was recently completed on this preserve in Calhoun County. He stated their work indicated that presence of five prehistoric sites and three historic sites.

4. South Bluff: Mr. Judge described the area that comprises this preserve in Beaufort County and Dr. Ferguson stated that the Committee as a motion recommends staff move forward with efforts to protect a shell ring that adjoins the one within the preserve.

Dr. Stroup reported that the Historic Charleston Foundation recently recognized the coalition that protected Childsbury, an important archaeological site in Berkeley County. He added that Heritage Trust purchased this site and it is now a heritage preserve.

Other Business

1. Stewardship: Johnny Stowe updated members on heritage preserve stewardship activities. Jim Sorrow and Gil Newberry reported on the activities of volunteers, specifically at Peter's Creek Heritage Preserve in Rock Hill.

2. Strategic Planning: Stuart Greeter reported that he attended the last Land Trust Alliance meeting. He stated the Alliance is working to secure a web site and a 1-800 number as a means of distributing more information about land preservation programs.

3. DNR Rules and Regulations: After a three-year effort, Breck Carmichael stated that the rules and regulations for department properties should be approved before the end of the legislative session. He added that ATV usage will be banned on all heritage preserves under these rules.