

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

Members Present

Terry Ferguson (Chair)
Julia Krebs (Vice-Chair)
Chris Ammer (for Jon Leader)
Richard Porcher
Freddy Vang
Mike Bozzo (for Bob Showalter)
John Tucker
Billy McTeer (for Paul Sandifer)
Malloy McEachin
Charles Harrison (for John Durst)
John Frierson

Members Absent

Charles Bradford
Rodger Stroup
Tony Ganong
Bonnie Ammons

Others Present

Tom Kohlsaat
Stuart Greeter
Chris Judge
Ken Prosser
Steve Bennett
Bert Pittman
Irvin Pitts
Harry Shealy
Breck Carmichael
Mike Foley
Pat McMillan
Angie Williams
Julie Holling
Rick Huffman
Jon Rood
Mark Robertson
Ann Nolte
Dan Dobbins

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

Approval of May 3 Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the August 2, 2001 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 had been approved for the department and that further cuts are anticipated.

Other Business

1. Conservation Bank Act: Mark Robertson, State Director of The Nature Conservancy, explained that this proposal before the legislature would create a trust fund of approximately \$10 million dollars annually to protect state lands by fee simple purchase or by conservation easement.

2. Parking for HTAB Members: Freddy Vang asked staff to locate available parking for members that do not have assigned spaces.

Cultural Areas Committee

1. Buzzard Island, South Bluff and Little Folly Island Management Plans: John Frierson stated the committee as a motion recommended approval of these plans. The motion was approved.

Natural Areas Committee

1. Bald Rock Management Plan: Irvin Pitts from PRT explained the plan and the committee as a motion recommended approval. The motion was approved.

2. Data Base Management: Steve Bennett reported on the procedures used by staff to track rare elements.

3. Report on Marl Communities: Pat McMillan, harbarium curator at Clempson University, gave a presentation on marl limestone communities.

Other Business

1. Committee Appointment: Dr. Ferguson recommended Pat McMillan be appointed as a member of the Natural Areas Committee. A motion was made to confirm the appointment. It was approved.

2. FY01 Report: Tom Kohlsaas distributed copies of the 2000-2001 Annual Report for the Wildlife Diversity Section.

3. Stewardship: Chris Judge and Jon Rood updated members on heritage preserve stewardship activities.

4. Strategic Planning: John Frierson reported that the committee met with the SC Land Trust Network and found that their goals were very similar. As a result, he stated that both groups will work closely in the future. Dr. Ferguson stated the committee should address the specific ways in which they can accomplish their goals.

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. Increases were approved for additional salaries and operating expenses.

Mr. McTeer requested that Jocassee Gorges be placed on the agenda for the next meeting, which is February 7, 2002.

Adjourn.