

**MINUTES
HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD
NOVEMBER 1, 2006
WILDLIFE ACTION EDUCATION CENTER
MULLINS, SC**

Members Present

Julia Krebs (Chair)
Sonny King
Rodger Stroup
Fritz Hamer (for William Calloway)
Joel Felder (for Bob Schowalter)
States Clawson (for Joe Taylor)
Mike McShane
Irvin Pitts (for Chad Prosser)
Jake Rasor

Members Absent

Elizabeth Grace
Campbell Coxe (Vice-Chair)
Freddy Vang
Jon Leader

Others Present

Bob Perry
Ed Duncan
Breck Carmichael
Mary Bunch
Tim Ivey
Barry Beasley
Ken Prosser
Kay Daniels
Jamie Dozier
Deanna Ruth
Ann Darr
Bert Pittman
Frank Oliver
Johnny Skipper
John Alford
Zane Wilson
McKenzie Taylor
Angie Dones
Joel Allen
Leon Myers
Ben Ziegler
Meg McElveen
Johnny Skipper
John Wilson
Mac Altman

Call to Order

Dr. Krebs called the meeting to order.

Approval of August 2 Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2006 Heritage Trust Advisory Board (HTAB) meeting. The motion was approved.

Comments from the Director

Barry Beasley reported that interviews are complete for the vacant archaeologist position and a candidate should be on board next month. He stated that the SCDNR now owns a majority interest in the Woodbury and Hamilton Ridge properties and the remaining interests will be acquired in early 2007. Dr. Beasley thanked Wildlife Action for the use of their facilities and introduced the organization's founder, Bunny Beeson. Jamie Dozier introduced Deanna Ruth as the SCDNR's new Region 4 Heritage Preserve Manager.

Interstate 73

Bob Perry and Ed Duncan discussed compensation and mitigation issues regarding the South Carolina Department of Transportation's (SCDOT) process to acquire permits to construct Interstate 73 between Interstate 95 in Dillon County and SC Highway 22 in Horry County. Dr. Beasley stated that no action would be taken by the HTAB on the issue today. Mr. Perry outlined the impacts of the project, which includes a 33.6-acre encroachment into the Little Pee Dee Heritage Preserve, and discussed proposals to address these impacts. He stated that all agencies must agree on a mitigation and compensation plan before any permits can be issued to construct the interstate. Mr. Perry said SCDOT seeks to finalize the Environmental Impact Statement by February 2007. Roger Stroup made a motion that staff investigate the issues and return to the HTAB at the next meeting with information on how the proposed interstate will affect the management of the preserve, the precedent of releasing a parcel of Heritage Trust property, and what would be adequate mitigation. The motion was approved.

Overview of Francis Marion Trail Commission

Ben Zeigler explained that the commission was created in 2005 and consists of seven members that are charged with producing and implementing a plan for the trail. The goal of the commission is to document the campaigns of Francis Marion in South Carolina and create a tourism trail around the campaigns. He stated that the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology has inventoried sites along the trail and has chosen 15 that are worthy of further archaeological exploration.

Peters Creek Heritage Preserve Management Plan

Mary Bunch discussed the proposed management plan for this 160-acre property near Spartanburg.

Congaree Bluffs Heritage Preserve Management Plan

Tim Ivey discussed the proposed management plan for this 201-acre site in Calhoun County. Mr. Ivey stated that all management plans would be revised every five years per a new SCDNR policy.

A motion was made by Jake Rasor to approve both management plans. The motion was approved.

Proposed Annexation of Segars-McKinnon Heritage Preserve

Dr. Beasley discussed the potential annexation of this preserve by the City of Hartsville and stated he would attend a meeting soon with the city manager to gather more information.

Budget Overview

Ken Prosser updated members on active projects and reviewed the Heritage Land Trust Fund budget. He also discussed a proposed donation of property at the Congaree Creek Heritage Preserve in Lexington County.

Executive Session

The HTAB entered executive session to discuss contractual matters. HTAB returned to regular session and voted to approve \$2,000 in associated costs involving a property donation at the Congaree Creek Heritage Preserve. The motion was approved.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be February 7-8 at the Yawkey Center in Georgetown County. Other meeting dates in 2007 include May 2 in Columbia, August 2 in Columbia, and November 7-8 in the Upstate.

Adjourn.

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