

MINUTES
HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD
NOVEMBER 14, 2002
WADDELL MARICULTURE CENTER

Members Present

Terry Ferguson (Chair)
Richard Porcher
Jon Leader
Fritz Hamer (for William Galloway)
Freddy Vang
Joel Felder (for Bob Schowalter)
Rodger Stroup
Billy McTeer (for Paul Sandifer)

Members Absent

Julia Krebs (Vice Chair)
John Tucker
John Frierson
Charles Bradford
Bonnie Ammons
Mike Foley
Malloy McEachin

Others Present

Tom Kohlsaat
Stuart Greeter
Chris Judge
Ken Prosser
Jamie Dozier
Bert Pittman
John Schmidt
Kathy Boyle
Ann Darr
Johnny Stowe
Dick Houk
Harry Shealy
Bill Green
Paul League
Valerie Marcil
Martha Zierden

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

Approval of August 1 Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 1, 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 would be forthcoming for the department.

Natural Areas Committee

1. Cave Hall: Bert Pittman described the area and the committee as a motion recommended approval as a protection project. The motion was approved.
2. Jocassee Gorges Road Improvement: Freddy Vang stated the item would be discussed in executive session.

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3. Preserve Management Funding: Mr. Vang stated the item would be discussed in executive session.

Cultural Areas Committee

1. Poinsett Bridge: Chris Judge updated members on the status of this active project in Greenville County.
2. Fort Moore: Jon Leader described archaeological testing at the site and stated a report would be completed soon. He added that we should try to obtain assistance from legislative bodies and local stewards in the area.
3. Georgetown Lighthouse: Mr. Judge explained the history of the structure and reported on recent archaeological research.
4. Altamaha: Mr. Judge described the area and said an offer would be forthcoming and the cost would be split with Beaufort County if the offer is accepted.
5. Preserve Management Funding: Rodger Stroup stated the item would be discussed in executive session.

Other Business

1. Stewardship: Johnny Stowe and Jon Rood updated members on heritage preserve stewardship activities.
2. Preserve Management Committee: Dr. Ferguson requested the committee appointed at the last meeting hold a thorough discussion on management needs and develop a detailed budget for the next meeting.

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 a contingency fund for a potential budget reduction, a contingency fund for preserve management and funds for a wetland delineation study at Lewis Ocean Bay Heritage Preserve. A vote on funds for road improvement work at Jocassee Gorges was tabled until the next meeting.

Dr. Ferguson requested a presentation from the Jocassee Gorges Management Team at the next meeting, which is February 6, 2003.

Adjourn.