

MINUTES  
HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD  
NOVEMBER 3, 2000  
USC - LANCASTER

Members Present

Terry Ferguson (Chair)  
Julia Krebs (Vice-Chair)  
Jon Leader  
Richard Porcher  
Mary Edmonds (for Rodger Stroup)  
Joel Felder (for Hugh Ryan)  
Charles Bradford  
Bonnie Ammons (for Charles Way)  
Ann Nolte (for Freddy Vang)  
Billy McTeer (for Paul Sandifer)  
Charles Harrison (for John Durst)  
Fritz Hamer (for Tony Ganong)  
John Frierson

Members Absent

John Tucker

Others Present

Tom Kohlsaat  
Dick Houk  
Jim Knight  
Lindsay Pettis  
Gil Newberry  
Mark Hall  
Bert Pittman  
Steve Bennett  
Jamie Dozier  
Johnny Stowe  
Stuart Greeter  
Ken Prosser  
Chris Judge  
Kathy Boyle  
Mike Foley  
Greg Lucas  
Jon Rood  
David Lathan  
Jenny Arnold  
Bill Price

Terry Ferguson called the meeting to order and called the roll. He introduced David Lathan from Chem-Nuclear, DNR biologist Rob Harrison, DNR mentee Caroline Foster, Jim Knight, Jenny Arnold from the Lancaster News and Lindsay Pettis from the Katawba Land Trust.

Approval of August 4 Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the August 4, 2000 Heritage Trust Advisory Board (HTAB) meeting. The motion was approved.

Recognition of Distinguished Service

Jon Leader accepted a plaque from Terry Ferguson honoring Bruce Rippeteau's service on HTAB.

Comments from the Director

In Dr. Sandifer's absence, Billy McTeer had no comments to report.

### Cultural Areas Committee

1. Crowfield Plantation Conservation Easement: Chris Judge described the easement and the Committee as a motion recommended approval. The motion was approved.

2. State Income Tax Credit: Mr. Judge informed members of a proposed legislative bill that provides state income tax credits for historic preservation. He stated that the Committee as a motion recommended support of the bill by letter from the HTAB Chair. The motion was approved.

3. Tavern Rock Shelter Registration: Mr. Judge reported that this item is not ready for Board action.

### Natural Areas Committee

1. Craig Pond Conservation Easement: Dr. Porcher explained the proposed easement and the Committee as a motion recommended approval. The motion was approved.

2. Maritime Forest Shell Middens: Dr. Pittman described the area that comprises Rose, Buzzard and South Hutchinson Islands. The Committee as a motion recommended approval as a protection project. The motion was approved.

3. Clear Creek Heritage Preserve Management Plan: Rob Harrison explained the plan and the Committee as a motion recommended approval. The motion was approved.

4. Fork Swamp: Mark Hall described the area and the Committee as a motion recommended approval as a protection project. The motion was approved.

5. Congaree Bluffs: As a matter of information, Mr. Hall described the site and stated that it was approved as a protection project by HTAB in 1987.

6. Cane Creek: As a matter of information, Ms. Nolte said the Committee discussed this area and advised staff to investigate it.

### Other Business

1. Stewardship: Rob Harrison, Jon Rood and Chris Judge updated members on stewardship activities.

2. HLTF Annual Report: Ken Prosser summarized land protection activities for the 1999-2000 fiscal year.

3. Strategic Planning Committee: As a result of their meeting, John Frierson announced that the Committee needed to identify groups that acquire and preserve significant areas in the state and seek ways to coordinate activities with them in a beneficial manner. He also said

these groups should meet at least once a year.

4. DNR Habitat Initiative: Tom Kohlsaas reported that several committees have been formed to develop the Initiative and individuals should be appointed to the committees soon.

5. CARA Update: Mr. Kohlsaas stated that after additional amendments were added to the original CARA proposal, the result is a bill that funds items at 15 percent of what was originally expected and is referred to as CARA-Lite. He said that South Carolina may receive approximately \$700,000 a year, instead of the anticipated \$3-4 million. Mr. Kohlsaas also said other related funds will also see increases, but it is not clear on how they will operate at this time. He added that part of the bill has passed and another section is awaiting approval.

6. Election of HTAB Chair: Charles Bradford reported that the Nominating Committee recommended Terry Ferguson for another term as HTAB Chair. The nomination was approved without dissent.

#### Budget Committee

HTAB entered Executive Session to discuss budget issues. They returned to regular session and voted to approve the Heritage Land Trust Fund (HLTF) budget. Addendums to the budget included additions to Bald Rock and an increase to the Capital Improvements Budget.

Dr. Ferguson announced that HTAB will meet on the following dates in 2001: February 1, May 3, August 2 and November 1.

Adjourn.