

MINUTES  
HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD  
NOVEMBER 4, 2004  
COLUMBIA, S.C.

Members Present

Julia Krebs (Chair)  
Campbell Coxe (Vice-Chair)  
Mike McShane  
Freddy Vang  
Henry Fair  
Fritz Hamer (for William Galloway)  
Rodger Stroup  
Jon Leader  
Darryl Jones (for Bob Showalter)

Members Absent

Beth Grace  
Chad Prosser  
Sonny King  
Jake Rasor  
Bob Faith  
John Frampton

Others Present

Barry Beasley  
Stuart Greeter  
Chris Judge  
Ken Prosser  
Julie Holling  
Bert Pittman  
Kathy Boyle  
Johnny Stowe  
Jamie Dozier  
Ann Nolte  
Dan Dobbins  
Brian Long  
Mary Edmonds  
Hank Stallworth  
Bill Bailey  
Jan Haldeman  
Robin Roecker  
Steve de Kozlowski

Julia Krebs called the meeting to order and called the roll.

Approval of August 5 Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2004 Heritage Trust Advisory Board (HTAB) meeting. The motion was approved.

Comments from the Director

Barry Beasley introduced Brian Long as the new cultural heritage preserve manager. He updated members on the status of current projects and noted the S.C. Conservation Bank received 18 applications requesting \$45 million in funding. Mr. Beasley stated he wanted to update the Heritage Trust ranking system and possibly have a joint meeting with other agencies regarding land protection initiatives in 2005. He added the next HTAB meeting would be a two-day event at Bennett's Point and another in 2005 will be a joint meeting with the DNR Board.

### Natural Areas Committee

Mr. Vang stated the committee had one action item for the board.

1. Tompkin's Island Documentation and Management Plan: Bill Bailey from the U.S. Corps of Engineers discussed this man-made shoal area created near Turtle Island. He explained the area is used as a bird rookery and warrants protection as a heritage preserve. If protected, Mr. Bailey stated the Corps would assume all maintenance responsibilities. DNR would be responsible for enforcement of regulations on the island. The committee as a motion recommended approval of Tompkin's Island as a protection project, dedication as a heritage preserve and approval of the proposed management plan. The motion was approved.

### Cultural Areas Committee

Dr. Stroup stated the committee discussed one item.

1. Camden Battlefield: Dr. Stroup updated members on this revolutionary war site that is an approved HTAB project. He stated the committee is waiting on the outcome of several issues, including funding sources and management questions, before moving forward.

Mr. Vang requested the Botany Bay shell ring be examined by Chris Judge and put on the next HTAB agenda for discussion as a World Heritage Site.

### Nominating Committee

The nominating committee recommended Julia Krebs for HTAB Chair and Campbell Coxe for Vice-Chair. A motion was made to accept the nominees as recommended. The motion was approved.

### Other Business

1. Overview of Exotic Plant Problems and Management in South Carolina: Robin Roecker from the Forest Service discussed the federal perspective on exotic plants and ways to combat them. She noted there are more than 30,000 non-native species. Jan Haldeman from Erskine College discussed terrestrial exotics and showed examples to members. Steve de Kozlowski from DNR commented on aquatic exotics and stated the worst is hydrilla. Fortunately, he said it is now under control. Johnny Stowe and Jamie Dozier from DNR discussed exotics on heritage preserves and said they are the worst problem they encounter in preserve management.

Budget Committee

HTAB entered executive session to discuss contractual matters. They returned to regular session and voted to approve the Heritage Land Trust Fund budget. Funding for an addition to the Aiken Gopher Tortoise Heritage Preserve was included in the budget.

The next meeting will be February 2-3, 2005 at Bennett's Point.

Adjourn.