

MINUTES  
HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD  
NOVEMBER 6, 2003  
STYXX COMPOUND

Members Present

Terry Ferguson (Chair)  
Julia Krebs (Vice-Chair)  
Malloy McEachin  
Gail Wagner  
Richard Porcher  
Darryl Jones (for Bob Schowalter)  
Rodger Stroup  
Barry Beasley (for John Frampton)  
Charles Bradford  
John Tucker  
Carmen Thomas (for Bob Faith)  
Freddy Vang  
Fritz Hamer (for William Galloway)  
Jon Leader

Others Present

Mike McShane  
John Frampton  
Chris Judge  
Ken Prosser  
Steve Bennett  
Bert Pittman  
Mary Edmonds  
Kathy Boyle  
Ann Darr  
Harry Shealy  
Johnny Stowe  
Tom Kohlsaat  
Stuart Greeter  
Dan Dobbins  
Billy McTeer

Members Absent

Chad Prosser

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

Approval of August 7 Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2003 Heritage Trust Advisory Board (HTAB) meeting. The motion was approved.

Natural Areas Committee

1. Upper Three Runs Creek: Harry Shealy described this area in central Aiken County and the committee as a motion recommended approval as a protection project. The motion was approved.
2. Rock Hill Blackjacks Update: Charles Bradford investigated the ownership of several parcels adjoining the preserve, including one that was proposed as a refuse dump. He will continue working with the owners in an effort to protect the properties.
3. Protection Planning Update: Steve Bennett, Kathy Boyle and Bert Pittman gave a presentation on the status of protected elements in the state. Dr.

Pittman stated Williamsburg and Jasper Counties are the most promising areas for future protection opportunities.

#### Comments from the Director

John Frampton introduced Mike McShane as the new DNR Board Chairman. Mr. McShane stressed the need to form partnerships in land protection initiatives and said he looked forward to learning more about Heritage Trust. Although the DNR budget has been cut 35 percent, Mr. Frampton stated the agency will move forward. He noted that the Wildlife Diversity and Wildlife Management Sections have been combined to form a more efficient team called the Wildlife Section.

#### Cultural Areas Committee

1. Altamaha: Dr. Stroup reported that this archaeological site was recently sold and the status of it is uncertain. Dr. Porcher volunteered to investigate the matter.
2. Poinsett Bridge Lease Agreement: Dr. Stroup said a lease agreement is needed between DNR and the Greenville County Recreation District to receive grant money to improve the preserve. The committee as a motion recommended proceeding with formation of a lease agreement. The motion was approved.
3. Berry's Mill: Dr. Stroup said staff has examined this site in Greenville County and further examination is forthcoming. He added that partnership opportunities would be explored as part of a protection strategy.
4. Morris Island Lighthouse: Dr. Stroup stated that Save the Light has requested an insurance policy on the structure to secure a loan to begin stabilization work. However, it is unlikely the structure would be rebuilt if destroyed by natural causes. To resolve the matter, Mr. McShane volunteered to serve as an intermediary between DNR and Save the Light.
5. Jocassee Property for Sale: Dr. Ferguson reported a tract of land with potential archaeological significance has become available beside Jocassee Gorges in Pickens County. He said the committee as a motion recommended moving forward with an investigation of the site. The motion was approved.

#### DNR Reorganization

Billy McTeer stated that four new regional coordinators have been hired to oversee the administration of wildlife activities in the state. He briefly discussed the new organizational structure and the placement of Heritage Trust staff. Dr. Porcher requested an organizational chart with staff names under appropriate titles. Dr.

Ferguson stated the offer to fill preserve management positions with Heritage Land Trust Fund money is still open.

#### Other Business

1. Stewardship Report: Ann Darr, Johnny Stowe and Chris Judge updated members on heritage preserve stewardship activities.
2. Nominating Committee: Dr. Ferguson announced that his term as chair of advisory board would expire at the end of the year. Therefore, he appointed Dr. Stoup, Freddy Vang and himself to nominate a new chair of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board.

#### 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. Addendums to the budget included Altamaha and Peachtree Rock.

Adjourn.