

**MINUTES**  
**HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD**  
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES & HISTORY  
COLUMBIA, SC  
RICHLAND COUNTY  
MAY 6, 2010

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Campbell Coxe (Chair)  
Henry Fair (Vice Chair)  
Julia Krebs  
Sonny King  
Jake Rasor  
Eric Emerson  
Irvin Pitts (for Chad Prosser)  
States Clawson (for Joe Taylor)  
Darryl Jones (for Gene Kodama)  
Breck Carmichael (for Mike McShane)  
Fritz Hamer (for William Calloway)  
Ken Rentiers  
Jonathan Leader

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Beth Grace  
John Frampton

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Ken Prosser  
Caroline Pinckney  
Kay Daniels  
Julie Holling  
Don Winslow  
Sean Taylor  
Elizabeth Johnson  
Tim Ivey  
Deanna Ruth  
Sam Chappellear  
Bert Pittman  
Kathy Boyle  
Herrick Brown  
Paul League  
Bob Perry  
John Weaver  
Steve Gosnell  
Andy Markunas  
Joe Floyd  
Tim Kirby  
Mike Wooten

**Call to Order**

Campbell Coxe called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, and requested they introduce themselves.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Coxe asked if there were any changes, additions or deletions to the minutes from the February 4, 2010, meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board. *Mr. Fair made a motion that*

*the Board approve the minutes of the February 4, 2010, meeting, as submitted. Mr. King seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

Mr. Coxe asked if there were any changes, additions or deletions to the minutes from the March 15, 2010, teleconference meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board. *Dr. Leader made a motion that the Board approve the minutes of the March 15, 2010, meeting, as submitted. Mr. Fair seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

### **Updates and Comments**

Ken Rentiers expressed thanks to Eric Emerson for hosting the meeting. He reported that the budget situation is a very difficult one. The Senate has passed their version with a cut of \$4.2 million of which \$2.7 million was restored with the \$2.00 increase on hunting and fishing licenses and \$5.00 increase on boat titling and registration fees. The House budget is more difficult for the agency. The Governor will probably veto the increase in fees. It is a very difficult budget situation for the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources as well as other agencies. Mr. Rentiers commended Sean Taylor for the great job he did with this year's Kolb archaeology project. The public day was very well attended.

### **2010 Kolb Site Archaeology Project Update**

Sean Taylor gave a brief report on 14<sup>th</sup> field season of the project. Taylor discussed the number of visitors and the geographic distribution of visitors to the site. He also provided an overview of a visitor survey and the number of overall volunteer hours for this year's project. Public day was March 13, 2010, and was attended by approximately 282 visitors.

### **Review of Request by Horry County for Right-of-way to Improve and Pave Burroughs Road/International Drive**

Paul League reported that several representatives from Horry County were present at the meeting to speak to the Board about paving Burroughs Road/International Boulevard. He asked the Board to thoroughly review this project as it will be presented to the Department of Natural Resources Board for consideration at the next meeting in Charleston, S.C., on May 12, 2010. Mr. League gave a brief overview of the request before introducing the officials from Horry County.

### **Horry County Presentation on the International Drive Issue**

Officials from Horry County and their consultant provided a power point presentation on their proposal to construct a roadway along the Burroughs Road alignment of the Lewis Ocean Bay Heritage Preserve (LOBHP). This would be called International Drive upon completion, and it would connect SC 31, also known as Carolina Bays Parkway on the east side of LOBHP to SC 90 on the west side of the preserve. Ultimately the roadway would be a divided median, 4-lane corridor. The roadway improvements would be financed by Horry County local taxes. The project would be initiated in 2013, but design and permitting would need to begin in late 2010. Horry County proposed to comply with all environmental permitting required by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and SCDHEC to include meeting endangered species concerns. The

proposal also included construction of three animal passages and fencing of both sides of the roadway to funnel wildlife, especially black bears, under the roadway at known animal crossing locations. The proposal also included commitment for road closure and signage to facilitate prescribed burning on the preserve.

### **Review and Approval of FY 11 Natural Areas Management Budget**

Tim Ivey, Chief of Wildlife, presented the FY11 preserve management budget. Mr. Ivey also reviewed activities that have been conducted on the 57 preserves under his management.

### **Review and Approval of FY 11 Cultural Areas Management Budget**

Sean Taylor, archaeologist with the Heritage Trust Program, presented his budget request for FY11. He also updated the Board on management activities conducted on the 17 cultural preserves under his management.

### **Heritage Trust Budget**

Ken Rentiers presented the administrative budget request for FY11. This budget request included personnel services, fringe, supplies and materials, fixed charges, contractual services and travel.

*Dr. Emerson made the motion to approve the natural areas budget, the cultural areas budget and the administrative budget as submitted. Dr. Leader seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

### **Review and Approval of Cheraw State Park Registration**

Irvin Pitts provided an overview on the 11-acre Cheraw State Park Registration agreement. Endangered species data were added to the document, as well as some taxonomic name changes. Also, the revised version allows prescribed fire, which was prohibited in the previous version of the agreement. Ken Rentiers expressed his appreciation to Mr. Pitts for all his hard work in updating this agreement.

*Mr. Pitts made the motion to approve the registration agreement for Cheraw State Park as submitted. Dr. Krebs seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

### **Executive Session**

*At this time, Dr. King made a motion that the Board hold an Executive Session to discuss contractual and legal matters. Dr. Leader seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

### **Return to Regular Session**

*Mr. Razor made a motion that the Board return to regular session. Dr. King seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

*Dr. Krebs made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board recommend that the Department of Natural Resources Board authorize the DNR staff to continue negotiating the improvement of Burroughs Road/International Drive, so long as mitigation is made for unavoidable adverse impacts and the natural and cultural assets of the Lewis Ocean Bay Heritage Preserve are protected. The Heritage Trust Advisory Board recommends that, prior to any road improvement, the mitigation responsibilities of the County be expressed in a binding legal document. Finally, the Heritage Trust Advisory Board recommends that the County undertake an archaeological study, following best practices in consultation with the Office of the State Archaeologist, of the proposed road corridor and adjoining landscape and that the new road be bordered for and by heavy bear fencing along the entire length currently proposed to be fenced. The SCDNR Heritage Trust Archaeologist will not be required to do the archeological work described above. Mr. Fair seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board will be Thursday, August 5, 2010, at the South Carolina Department of Archives and History in Columbia.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business to be brought before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

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