MINUTES HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FAIRFIELD COUNTY NOVEMBER 6, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

Campbell Coxe (Chair) Julia Krebs States Clawson (for Bobby Hitt) Terry Hurley (for Duane Parrish) Ken Rentiers Breck Carmichael (for Alvin Taylor)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Henry Fair (Vice Chair) Eric Emerson Beth Grace Jake Rasor Tom Patton (for Gene Kodama) Dave Cicimurri (for William Calloway) Sonny King Randy Lowe Jonathan Leader

Call to Order

Campbell called the meeting to order and asked everyone to introduce themselves. A quorum was not present, so approval of the minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

<u>Updates</u>

Ken Rentiers stated a public hearing was held in the Upstate regarding the proposed transfer of three conservation easements from Friends of the Reedy River to Upstate Forever. He said he would send members further information next week and request approval via email as the parties would like to complete the transfer by the end of the year.

OTHERS PRESENT

Ken Prosser Sean Taylor Meg Gaillard Johnny Stowe Alan Bridgeman Sam Stokes Jason Johnson Kathy Boyle Bert Pittman Breck Carmichael informed members that the Boeing mitigation project had been completed and DNR will obtain a 1700-acre tract in Berkeley County within the next five years. In the interim, Lowcountry Open Land Trust will hold title to the tract and use it to leverage other conservation projects in the area. Mr. Carmichael reported that Haile Gold Mine had received approval for all permits needed to begin mining operations and DNR will seek approval from the Joint Bond Review Committee and the Budget and Control Board in December to accept three properties proposed as mitigation. The tracts include Cooks Mountain, Goodwill Plantation and Rainbow Ranch. He added staff is working with Ducks Unlimited to amend a conservation easement held on part of Cooks Mountain.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board will be held Thursday, February 5, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. at the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources in Columbia.

The meeting dates for 2015 are: February 5, May 7, August 6 and November 5. The time and locations are to be determined.

<u>Adjourn</u>

There being no further business to be brought before the Board at this time, *Dr. Krebs* made a motion to adjourn the meeting, *Mr. Clawson* seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

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