

**MINUTES  
HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD  
SC FARMER'S MARKET  
LEXINGTON COUNTY  
AUGUST 4, 2016**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Campbell Coxe (Chair)  
Julia Krebs  
Scott Phillips (for Gene Kodama)  
Terry Hurley (for Duane Parrish)  
Ken Rentiers  
Breck Carmichael (for Alvin Taylor)  
Jake Rasor  
Steve Tully  
Sonny King  
Jonathan Leader  
Kevin Hunter

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Ken Prosser  
Sean Taylor  
Meg Gaillard  
Tariq Ghaffar  
Kay Daniels  
Herrick Brown  
Van Whitehead  
Blaik Keppler  
Bert Pittman  
Billy Dukes  
Scott Speares  
Harry Shealy

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Eric Emerson  
States Clawson (for Bobby Hitt)  
Dave Cicimurri (for William Calloway)  
Julien Springs

**Call to Order**

Chairman Coxe called the meeting to order and asked everyone to introduce themselves. He noted Mr. Kevin Hunter is a newly appointed Board member representing District 2.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Coxe asked if there were any changes, additions or deletions to the minutes from the May 5, 2016, meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board (HTAB). *Mr. Carmichael made a motion that the Board approve the minutes of the May 5, 2016, meeting, as submitted. Dr. Leader seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

## **Board Information Items**

### **Archaeological Project Updates**

Sean Taylor, Heritage Trust Archaeologist, reported that a film, The Inevitable Evolution of Fort Frederick, was produced earlier this year about the preserve. . It was nominated for two Telly Awards in both the Documentary and History categories and won both.

A short film on Fig Island was then shown by Mr. Taylor.

### **Stevens Creek HP/Hitchcock Woods/Shoreline Management Updates**

Van Whitehead, assistant chief counsel for DNR, updated the Board on a South Carolina Department of Transportation bridge replacement project at Stevens Creek Heritage Preserve and DNR's temporary accommodations for it.

Mr. Whitehead discussed concerns from the Hitchcock Woods Foundation regarding efforts to address damaging stormwater flows in Sand River. DNR holds a conservation easement on Hitchcock Woods and the area is dedicated as a heritage preserve. Dr. Harry Shealy, a Foundation board member, also provided information to the Board.

Mr. Whitehead noted he recently updated DNR staff on activities associated with commercial and recreational activities on sensitive shoreline areas under DNR's control.

### **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**

*Dr. Krebs made a motion that the Board return to regular session, noting that no actions were taken during Executive Session. Mr. Rasor seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

## **Board Action Items**

*Dr. Krebs made a motion that staff move forward on acquisition of property for cultural research headquarters in West Columbia. Dr. King seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

*Dr. Krebs made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board recommends to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Board approval to acquire approximately 318 acres adjoining Chestnut Ridge Heritage Preserve/WMA in Greenville County. Dr. King seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

### **Fort Frederick HP Update**

Mr. Taylor reported they have been working with Beaufort County on several instruments to provide access to Fort Frederick Heritage Preserve (FFHP). Staff recommends granting a Lease and Management Agreement to Beaufort County. It will allow them to construct a new boat landing on the site and manage 2.3 acres of the 3.04 acre tract. Beaufort County owns a parcel adjacent to FFHP and the License Agreement will allow public access to this parcel for parking. Beaufort County also owns another parcel at the end of Old Fort Road and the Access Easement will allow for unencumbered public access to FFHP. The Management Plan is updated and takes into consideration current and future management needs of the preserve.

*Dr. Leader made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board approve the Fort Frederick documents as presented. Dr. Krebs seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

### **FY 17 Amendment & 18 Cultural Heritage Preserve Management Budget**

Mr. Taylor stated that he is requesting an amendment to the FY 17 budget. This increase is due to a 3.25% general increase in personal services, a fringe increase from 38% to 40%, two new positions, and a \$50,000 addition for improvements and equipment associated with the potential acquisition of a new building for archaeological staff and storage.

Mr. Taylor presented a budget request for Cultural Preserve Management for FY 18. The request of \$971,000 represents a 0.8% increase.

*Dr. Krebs made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board approve the amended FY 17 Cultural Heritage Preserve budget as well as the FY 18 budget*

*as presented. Dr. Leader seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

### **FY 17 Amendment & 18 Heritage Preserve Management Budget**

Billy Dukes, DNR's chief of wildlife for the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division, requested several changes to the FY 17 budget. He noted increases are proposed for a boardwalk at Segars-Mckinnon HP, a vehicle purchase, a dump truck purchase, repairs at Dungannon from flood damage (75% will be reimbursed by FEMA), and required personal service and fringe changes.

Mr. Dukes also presented a budget request for \$1.3 million for the Heritage Preserve Management areas. This is a decrease of approximately \$383,000 from the previous year.

*Mr. Rasor made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board approve the amended FY 17 Heritage Preserve Management budget as well as the FY 18 budget as presented. Dr. King seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

### **FY 18 Coastal Preserves Management Budget**

Blaik Keppler, representing Phil Maier from DNR's Marine Resources Division, presented the FY 18 budget request for the MRD Coastal Preserves. Their budget remains the same as the approved FY 17 budget.

*Mr. Rasor made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board approve the FY 18 Coastal Preserves Management Budget as presented. Dr. King seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

### **FY 17 Amendment & 18 Habitat Protection Budget**

Ken Rentiers, DNR Deputy Director of the Land, Water & Conservation Division, requested an increase of 4.7% to the FY 17 budget. The increase is due to 3.25% general increase in personal services, a fringe increase from 38% to 40% and small increase in NatureServe annual charges.

Mr. Rentiers presented the budget request for the FY 18 Habitat Protection Budget. The request is an increase of 3.6% from last year's budget.

*Dr. Krebs made a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board approve the amended Habitat Protection budget as well as the FY 18 budget as presented. Dr. Leader seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.*

### **Other Items**

#### **Updates and Comments**

Mr. Rentiers reported to the Board that one of the key staff members of the Heritage Trust Program, Julie Holling, has taken another position within DNR. She held the position as data manager for Heritage Trust for 18 years and had done an outstanding job. He stated that the program hates to see her go but the new job with the Aquatic Nuisance Species Program is a great opportunity for her.

#### **Time and Location of Next Board Meeting**

The next meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board will be held Thursday, August 4, 2016. Location to be determined.

#### **Adjournment**

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