Heritage Trust Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Conference Call

Conference Call via Microsoft Teams
Thursday, August 27th, 2026 – 10:00am

Members Present
Campbell Coxe, Chairman
Frampton Morris
Rob Keck
Will Kittredge
Julien Spring
Chris Judge
Brad Sauls (for Dr. Eric Emerson)
Tom Patton (for Scott Phillips)
Tyler Brown
Will Dillman (for Dr. Thomas S. Mullikin)
Dr. Scott Persons (for Amy Bartow-Melia)
Dr. Mark Hartley

Others Present
Allison Morris
Ken Prosser
Fran Varacalli
Luke Allen

Call to Order
Chairman Campbell Coxe called the meeting to order and provided the Freedom of Information Statement.

Welcome and Introduction
Chairman Coxe welcomed the Board and everyone attending. He confirmed that the meeting had reached quorum and that the participating Board members would be noted in the minutes.

Public Comment Period
Chairman Coxe asked if anyone wanted to speak during this time. No public comment was made.

Potential Conflict of Interest Statement
Chairman Coxe read the "Potential Conflict of Interest Statement". No Statement was made.

Motion to Enter Executive Session
Mr. Rob Keck made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session pursuant to S.C. Code Section 30-4-70(A)(2) to discuss property acquisitions related to Action Items A and B. Dr. Mark Hartley seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion to Close Executive Session
Mr. Rob Keck made a motion that the Board return to open session, and that the record reflect that no action was taken in Executive Session. Mr. Julien Springs seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion on Action Items

A) **Property Acquisition Project: Final approval to acquire approximately 76 acres, Charleston County (Captain Sams Spit, Kiawah Island):**
Mr. Frampton Morris moved that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board, upon the recommendation of SCDNR staff and the Director, recommend that the SCDNR Board grant final approval and the expenditure of up to $20,000 from the Heritage Trust Land Fund to acquire approximately 76 acres in Charleston County that will be dedicated as a Heritage Preserve and placed into the corpus of the Heritage Trust. Mr. Brad Sauls seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

B) **Property Acquisition Project: Revised final approval to purchase approximately 635 acres, Jasper County (Coosawhatchie HP-WMA – Treble Hook Ranch):**
Mr. Rob Keck moved that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board, upon the recommendation of SCDNR staff and the Director, and subject to standard due diligence, recommend that the SCDNR Board grant final approval and the expenditure of $280,000 from the Heritage Trust Land Fund for the acquisition of approximately 635 acres in Jasper County that will be dedicated as a Heritage Preserve and placed into the corpus of the Heritage Trust. Mr. Julien Springs seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Other Items

The next meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board was noted as October 15th, 2026, at Camp Old Indian, 601 Callahan Mountain Rd, Travelers Rest, SC 29690. A tour of the newly reopened Poinsett Bridge Heritage Preserve will follow.

Adjournment

Having no further business to discuss, Chairman Campbell Coxe moved that this meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board be adjourned. Mr. Rob Keck seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Allison Morris
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S.C. Department of Natural Resources