

Minutes
Heritage Trust Advisory Board
August 20, 1992

Members Present

Mr. Ed Drane (Chairman)
Dr. Whit Gibbons (Vice Chairman)
Dr. Jim Timmerman
Mr. Hugh Ryan
Dr. George Vogt
Mr. Jim Crawford
Ms. Wendy Parks
Mr. Tony Merck
Dr. Bruce Rippeteau
Mr. Bill Lawrence

Others Present

Mr. Stuart Greeter
Mr. Tom Kohlsaat
Mr. Chris Judge
Mr. Steve Bennett
Mr. Tommy Wyche
Mr. Buford Mabry
Mr. Greg Lucas
Mr. Billy McTeer
Dr. J.L. Leary
Mr. Donnie Barker
Ms. Linda Lundquist
Mr. Michael Smith
Dr. John Leader
Dr. John Nelson
Mr. Joe Watson
Ms. Sally Murphy
Mr. Tom Murphy

Members Absent

Mr. John Dean
Ms. Claudette Cureton
Ms. Isabel Hill
Mr. Marion Burnside
Mr. Tony Ganong

Chairman Drane called the August 20 meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board to order. Stuart Greeter introduced guests and explained the day's schedule. A motion was adopted to approve the May 14, 1992 meeting minutes as submitted.

Comments from the Executive Director

Dr. Timmerman reported that this again would be a very tight budget year. Due to the deficit the Department should expect a 4% budget cut this year totaling approximately 3/4 of a million dollars. This is critical because so much of our revenue goes into salaries and positions. Vacancies have been kept open to keep that cost down. It may take 5 years for the Wildlife Dept. to get back to where we once were. He encouraged the staff to work closely with the Advisory Board to make sure the needs of the Heritage Trust are known by every member of the General Assembly before they go back into session in January. He felt the two priorities for the Heritage Trust were additional funds for operational expenses and staff to represent the Heritage Trust in the A.C.E. Basin and the Pee Dee Region, and, to assist with management of properties in those areas.

Strategic Plan

Tom Kohlsaat reported the main goal of the Strategic Planning Committee is to let every member of the General Assembly know what our needs are as quickly and concisely as possible. Dr. Timmerman interjected that the Department is implementing a management plan known as responsive management. He feels this will be a distinct advantage for the Nongame and Heritage Trust Section.

Glassy Mountain Management Plan

A management plan for Glassy Mountain Heritage Preserve was presented by Jim Sorrow. A motion was passed to approve the management plan.

Legal Aspects of Undedicating Heritage Preserves

Section 90 of the Heritage Trust Act explains that the Trustee of a Heritage Preserve is the S.C. Wildlife Commission, therefore any question about undedicating any part of a preserve is left up to the Commission. Only entities with the power of eminent domain can acquire easements on Heritage Preserves. Thus, private property owners may not receive easements on Preserves. Buford Mabry stated that there is no mechanism for undedicating Heritage Preserves. The Commission has a policy for considering requests for easements. A procedure that could be followed is for the Heritage Trust Staff to review a request and make recommendations to the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board could then make a recommendation to the Commission. Chairman Drain asked that the three current requests for easements be discussed at the next HTAB meeting along with the Commission policy on easements.

Procedure for Approving Conservation Easements

The Conservation Easement Act, which was mailed out with meeting materials, requires HTAB approval of conservation easements on property owned by governmental bodies. The procedure is as follows:

1. The Advisory Board receives a proposed easement from the governing body.
2. Within 60 days the Board is required to hold a public hearing on the proposed easement.
3. Within 30 days the Board may approve or disapprove the proposed easement. The governmental body must hold a public hearing not less than 30 days and no more than 60 days of notice of HTAB approval. The local governmental body council may approve the proposal if they have a 2/3 majority vote.

Since the HTAB convenes quarterly, meeting the time limits for public hearings could be a problem. Buford Mabry said that the time constraints, listed in the Act, must be met and a Board member should preside over the hearing. The HTAB may have to hold special meetings to approve conservation easements. Buford Mabry suggested that the staff develop some criteria for evaluating easements and let Board members review them at the next meeting.

Proposed User Fee for Nonconsumptive Use of Department Owned Lands

A proposal to charge a fee for nonconsumptive users on Wildlife Department owned lands was discussed at the last Commission meeting. Tom Kohlsaas estimated that a \$5.00 fee charged to

nonconsumptive users would potentially raise \$195,000 per year. This is based on a U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service survey which estimated that 8% of the general public travels more than one mile from home for the primary purpose of viewing wildlife. Mr. Kohlsaatt suggested that a proposed user survey, carried out by the S. C. Wildlife Department, would shed more light on this issue.

Other Business

Stuart Greeter handed out copies of approximately 20 favorable news releases on the Heritage Trust Program. He reported that the staff had been putting in extra time and effort to publicize the acquisition of several preserves over the last three months.

Linda Lundquist reported that The Nature Conservancy had recently reached an agreement with Federal Paper Board Company to acquire two additions to Stevens Creek Heritage Preserve.

Cultural Areas Committee

Bruce Rippeteau handed out posters publicizing South Carolina's first archaeology week, which will be held from September 19 through September 26. A listing of events to be held throughout the state is available.

George Vogt reported that Fort Lamar was discussed at the Cultural Areas Committee meeting and members decided to wait until further archaeological work was completed before making a final decision on expenditures with that project. An acquisition at the Soapstone Quarry is expected to be completed some time during the next month. The Legislature passed, and the Governor signed, new legislation which provides protection for Government owned historic sites and buildings.

Natural Areas Committee

Whit Gibbons reported that the Natural Areas Committee recommends approval of the Greenville Watershed property as a Heritage Trust protection project. He asked Steve Bennett and Jim Sorrow to explain the significance of the property. They explained that the Greenville Watershed covers 28,000 acres in two separate tracts. The properties are integral to the "Mountain Bridge project" and contain occurrences of rare species.

Tommy Wyche reported that he is a member of a committee assigned to investigate what should be done with the watershed property. Mr. Wyche wanted to alert the Heritage Trust Advisory Board that the city will probably be presenting a proposal for a conservation easement on the Greenville Watershed. He requested that the Board be ready to hold a hearing on short notice and return approval to the Greenville Water Board as soon as possible. He suggested that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board might receive a proposal by the end of September.

Ed Drane recommended that the staff and the Board be ready to hold a public hearing and act on an easement proposal. Stuart Greeter suggested that the Board could be polled by mail to expedite the process. A motion to approve the Greenville Watershed property as a protection project was made and passed.

Budget Committee

Hugh Ryan stated that the Budget Committee had several land acquisition projects to discuss and suggested that the Board go into Executive Session for that discussion. The Board voted to go into Executive Session, and upon returning, made a motion to approve the Heritage Land Trust Fund budget as presented. Additions to the Heritage Land Trust Fund budget included: 1) Black Creek; 2) Lewis Ocean Bay Addition; 3) Lewis Ocean Bay Heritage Preserve road work; 4) contract land protection employee; and; 5) Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology contract.

Adjourn

The next meeting date was set for November 19, and a motion was passed to adjourn the meeting.

HERITAGE LAND TRUST FUND ESTIMATED 1992 REVENUES

1992 REVENUES:	
Current 1992 Revenues:	\$ 608,000
Estimated Additional Interest: ($\$20,000 / \text{mo.} \times 9 \text{ mo.}$)	\$ 180,000
Additional Documentary Stamp: ($5 \text{ mo.} @ \$110,000 / \text{mo.}$)	\$ 550,000
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TOTAL:	\$1,338,000

TOTAL REVENUES:	
January 1, 1992 Balance:	\$3,617,000
1992 Revenues:	\$1,338,000
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TOTAL REVENUES AVAILABLE IN 1992:	\$4,955,000

Project Name	County	Expenditure
1991 Expenditures		
2 Savage Bay Addn. (McPhatter)	Kershaw	19,000
Mary's Is. Appraisal	Colleton	5,000

		24,000
1991 Commitments		
2 Bennett's Bay Addition	Clarendon	80,000
LPD River Addn. (Ward)	Marion	107,000
Ashe & Beet Islands	Colleton	6,000
Black Creek	Darlington	37,000
Steven's Creek Addn. (FPB)	McCormick	141,000
LPD River Addn. (GP)	Marion	5,275,000
LPD River Addn. (Huggins)	Horry	250,000
Blackwell Bunched Arrowhead	Greenville	22,000
Fort Lamar	Charleston	120,000
Spartanburg Soapstone Outcrops	Spartanburg	234,000
LPD River (Townsend)	Horry	66,000
Lynchburg Savannah	Lee	126,000
Statewide Archeaol. Survey II	Statewide	15,000
Nipper Creek HP Gates	Richland	1,000

	TOTAL	6,480,000
Proposed Additions:		
Ferguson's Mountain	York	261,000
Fort Lamar (update)	Charleston	198,000
Stevens Creek Addn. (update)	McCormick	(10,000)
Bennett's Bay Addn. (update)	Clarendon	(20,000)
Gates at Vaughn & McCall HP	Horry & Dar	10,000
Roadwork at Vaughn & McCall	Horry & Dar	30,000

		469,000
Approx. Jan. 1992 Cash Balance:		3,617,000
Anticipated Revenue in 1992:		1,338,000

Total Cash Available in 1992:		4,955,000

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Approved Expenditures - No Time Frame

Dukes Bay	Hampton	363,000
Long Branch Bay	Barnwell	80,000
Savannah River Bluffs Addn.	Aiken	332,000
York Subdivision Outcrop	York	30,000
Branchville Bay	Orangeburg	50,000
Dalzell Bay	Sumter	50,000
Halfway Gut Branch Bay	Dorchester	30,000
Reevesville Bay	Dorchester	20,000
Fish Haul Creek	Beaufort	100,000
Barton Bay	Allendale	255,000
Mt. Pleasant Church Bay	Lee	82,000
Lewis Ocean Bay Addition	Horry	793,000
Hazel Lake	Aiken	939,000
Cartwheel Bay Addn.	Horry	145,000
Sandhills Bay	Clarendon	159,000
Saluda County Highponds	Saluda	54,000
Glassy Mtn. Addn. (Hendricks)	Pickens	86,000
Richardson Pltn. (Mary's Is.)	Colleton	2,168,000

		5,736,000

NOTE: All expenditures must meet State approval requirements and accounting standards.

HERITAGE LAND TRUST FUND BUDGET

5-8-92

January 1, 1992 Balance:		3,617,000
Less: Expenditures to Date:		
Savage Bay Addn. (McPhatter)	19,000	
Mary's Is. Appraisal	<u>5,000</u>	
		(24,000)
Less: Definite Commitments:		
Ashe & Beet Is.	6,000	
LPD River (Huggins)	250,000	
Fort Lamar	318,000	
Blackwell Bunched Arrowhead	22,000	
Spartanburg Soapstone Outcrops	234,000	
LPD River (Townsend)	66,000	
Lynchburg Savannah	126,000	
Ferguson's Mountain	261,000	
Facilities and Plans	<u>56,000</u>	
		<u>(1,339,000)</u>
Unobligated Balance		2,254,000
Revenues Expected by Dec. 30, 1992		1,338,000
Less: Projects Under Negotiation		
Bennett's Bay Addn.	60,000	
Black Creek	37,000	
LPD River (GP) (10,000 acres)	<u>3,495,000</u>	
		<u>(3,592,000)</u>
Projected Balance, Dec. 30, 1992		<u><u>0</u></u>





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HERITAGE LAND TRUST FUND BUDGET**8-13-92****January 1, 1992 Balance:** 3,617,000**Less: Expenditures to Date:**

Savage Bay Addn. (McPhatter)	19,000
Mary's Is. Appraisal	5,000
Ashe & Beet Islands	6,000
Statewide Archeaol. Survey II	<u>15,000</u>

TOTAL (45,000)**Less: Definite Commitments:**

LPD River (Huggins)	250,000
Fort Lamar	318,000
Spartanburg Soapstone Outcrops	234,000
LPD River (Townsend)	66,000
Lynchburg Savannah	126,000
Steven's Creek	111,000
Ferguson's Mountain	261,000
Facilities and Plans	<u>56,000</u>

TOTAL (1,422,000)**Less: Proposed Additions to the Budget**

Black Creek	37,000
Lewis Ocean Bay Addn.	841,000
LPD River (GP) (10,000 acres)	3,120,000
LOB HP Roadwork	3,000
Contract Employee	30,000
Inst. of Arch. & Anth. Contract	<u>35,000</u>

TOTAL (4,066,000)**Revenues Expected by June 30, 1993** 1,938,000**Projected Balance, June 30, 1993** 22,000

Heritage Land Trust Fund Approved Expenditures to July 1993
8-13-92

Project Name	County	Expenditure
1992 Expenditures		
Savage Bay Addn. (McPhatter)	Kershaw	19,000
Mary's Is. Appraisal	Colleton	5,000
Ashe & Beet Islands	Colleton	6,000
Statewide Archeaol. Survey II	Statewide	15,000

		45,000
 1992 Commitments		
Bennett's Bay Addition	Clarendon	60,000
LPD River Addn. (Ward)	Marion	107,000
Ashe & Beet Islands	Colleton	6,000
Black Creek	Darlington	37,000
Steven's Creek Addn. (FPB)	McCormick	131,000
LPD River Addn. (GP)	Marion	5,275,000
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Gates at Vaughn & McCall HP	Horry & Dar	10,000
Roadwork at Vaughn & McCall	Horry & Dar	30,000

	TOTAL	6,894,000
 Proposed Additions:		
Black Creek	Darlington	37,000
Lewis Ocean Bay Addn.	Horry	841,000
LOB HP Roadwork	Horry	3,000
Contract Employee	Statewide	30,000
Inst. of Arch. & Anth. Contract	Statewide	35,000

		946,000
 Approx. Jan. 1992 Cash Balance:		3,617,000
Revenues Expected by June 30, 1993:		1,938,000

Total Cash Available in 1992:		5,555,000

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Saluda County Highponds	Saluda	54,000
Glassy Mtn. Addn. (Hendricks)	Pickens	86,000

		3,568,000

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