

MINUTES of the Joint MEETING of the  
Heritage Trust Advisory Board and  
The Nature Conservancy  
Thursday, August 21, 1986  
Springmaid Beach, SC

HTAB Members Present

Sidney Gauthreaux (Chrmn.)  
Fram Eargle  
Michael A. Ray  
Joe F. Watson  
Bruce Rippeteau (V. Chrmn.)  
Claude Barden  
Gurdon Tarbox  
Wade Batson  
Claudette Cureton  
Larry Cartee  
John E. Hassell, III

TNC Members Present

Eddy Hayes  
Benjamin C. Chapman  
Harriet Keyserling  
Mark Stallworth  
Lindsay Pettus  
Jack Walker  
Allen Jeffcoat  
Tommy Johnson

Others Present

Stuart Greeter  
Jo Mengedoht  
Doug Rayner  
John Nelson  
Albert C. Goodyear  
Phil Wilkinson  
Brock Conrad  
Steve Bennett  
Lukie Reilly  
Jean Buris  
Mark Grier  
Sandee Robinson  
Gillian Newberry  
La Bruce Alexander  
Joe Jacob  
Roger Jones  
Mark Dutton  
Tom Kohlsaas

Members Absent

Henry Savage  
Ed Drane  
H. E. Pearce, Jr.  
Arthur Ravenel  
Christie Fant

Chairman Gauthreaux called the August 21 meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board to order. He explained Heritage Trust business will be covered during the first portion of the meeting and The Nature Conservancy Board (TNCB) business during the second portion. Then each group will split up for their own business meetings. Dr. Gauthreaux asked that everyone at the meeting introduce themselves.

Using Flat Creek Natural Area as an example, Doug Rayner, Roger Jones, La Bruce Alexander, and Stuart Greeter explained how TNC and HT work together on protection projects. They covered: 1) inventory and evaluation; 2) preserve design; 3) aquisition; 4) transfer to the S.C.H.T.; and 5) preserve management.

Gill Newberry presented an update of the status of the endangered bunched arrowhead, which grows in the Traveler's Rest area. She explained that the populations of bunched arrowhead are dwindling.

The Board approved the May 22 meeting minutes.

### Natural Areas Committee

Dr. Batson described three proposed protection projects. They were: 1) Iredell Soil Sites; 2) Umbrella Leaf Seepage slopes; and 3) Bare Bone Bay. The Board voted to approve the projects.

### Budget Committee

Tom Kohlsaas presented a proposed budget and explained potential expenditures for Sagittaria, Lewis Ocean Bay, and Bare Bone Bay in more detail. Proposed budget expenditures may cover three years. The Board passed a motion to approve the Buist Tract acquisition in conjunction with the proposed budget that was presented.

### Iredell Soil Survey

John Nelson reported on his Iredell soil survey. He identified 135 Iredell soil sites and surveyed the plant communities at each one. Out of those he was able to identify three localities that are worthy of protection under the Heritage Trust Program.

THE HTAB MEETING WAS TEMPORARILY ADJOURNED FOR THE TNCB MEETING.

Ms. Eddy Mayer called the TNCB meeting to order and thanked everyone for their interest.

Joe Jacob gave an overview of Heritage Programs in the United States. La Bruce Alexander reported she has support from the Governor's office, Senator Thurmond, and Senator Hollings to acquire Bay Point Island with Federal funds.

Roger Jones reported that he is trying to get an option on Chitty Pond (Cathedral Bay). He hopes to have an option by October 2 so the property can be transferred by November 3.

Lindsay Petus described the property intended to be acquired as an addition to Flat Creek Natural Area.

Roger Jones reported the TNC had acquired 428 acres at Bennetts Bay at below fair market value. He hopes to transfer that property to the S.C. Wildlife Department in late September.

Roger Jones described the details of the field trip to Cartwheel Bay which will take place tomorrow.

La Bruce Alexander described some of the problems she was having dealing with the Ogletree estate in an attempt to preserve critical habitat for the endangered bunched arrowhead.

La Bruce Alexander reported that she had a verbal commitment from International Paper Corporation to sell 936 acres at Pee Dee Islands for \$175/acre.

Ms. Eddy Hayes presented Larry Cartee with a deed to Savage Bay. Larry thanked her for the first bay to be protected under the Heritage Trust Program.

Ben Chapman reported on the stewardship of various projects. Mark Grier was elected as the president of the Flat Creek Stewardship Committee. Whooping Crane Pond at Hilton Head Island still has serious water problems. Roger Jones reported that a local government must apply for Coastal council funds to upgrade the boardwalk at the Washo Reserve.

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### Other Business

Larry Cartee reported that the Executive Office is working on a reorganizational plan for staff and is looking at the potential for upgrading positions in HT. The Department may be facing a 4% budget cut this year.

Stuart Greeter explained the rules and regulations for Heritage Preserves that were mailed to members. Sid Gauthreaux asked if local law enforcement officials were contacted for help in managing Heritage Preserves. He requested that staff report on that at the next meeting. Larry Cartee suggested meeting with Bill Chastain on that question. The rules and regulations were approved.

Stuart Greeter reported that there will be vacancies in districts #5 and #6 at year end. He asked for suggestions from members of appropriate people who might fill those vacancies. Gurdon Tarbox suggested Joe Pinson.

Sid Gauthreaux explained that membership of the HTAB had changed somewhat and he felt the necessity to appoint new members to the Budget Committee. The following members were added to the Budget Committee: Fran Eargle, Robert Gould, Pete Pearce, and John Hassell.

The next HTAB meeting was scheduled for Thursday, November 13 in Columbia.

Gurdon Tarbox extended an invitation for everyone to visit Brookgreen Gardens.

The meeting was adjourned.

HERITAGE TRUST LAND ACQUISITION BUDGET REPORT, 8/21/86

BUDGET STATUS

HERITAGE LAND TRUST FUND	
1985-86 APPROPRIATION	400,000
LESS: SAV. R. BLUFFS, FIRST PURCHASE	-204,500
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UNEXPENDED BALANCE	195,500
OTHER ASSETS	
FEDERAL FUNDS (SAGITTARIA)	30,000
TNC EQUITY IN SURPLUS PROPERTY	60,000
TNC/GOODHILL MATCH (SAV. R. BLUFFS)	100,000
CHECKOFF FUNDS: 86-87 ALLOCATION	100,000
LESS: OBLIGATIONS	
SAVAGE BAY	-48,204
JUNKYARD BAY	-93,600
EXPENSES	-5,000
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TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	338,696
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II. PROPOSED PURCHASES AS FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE

SAVANNAH RIVER BLUFFS ADDITION	195,500
CARTWHEEL BAY - CANAL IND.	266,000
CARTWHEEL BAY - OTHER	275,000
NIPPER CREEK	50,000
CATHEDRAL (CHITTY) BAY	35,000
SAGITTARIA SITES	200,000
LONG BRANCH BAY	70,000
PEE DEE ISLAND BAYS - IP	163,895
PEE DEE ISLAND BAYS - OTHER	150,000
FLAT CREEK ADDITION	51,000
EXPENSES	130,000
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TOTAL	1,586,395
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III. RECONCILIATION FOR 86-87

CURRENT FUNDS AVAILABLE	338,696
PROJECTED DOCUMENTARY STAMP REVENUE	1,300,000
LESS: TOTAL PROPOSED PURCHASES	-1,586,395
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PROJECTED BALANCE	52,301
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