

MINUTES
HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD
FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 1990, 10:00 AM
PICKENS COUNTY COUNTRY CLUB, PICKENS, SC

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Sid Gauthreaux (Chairman)
Mr. Brock Conrad (for Chuck Compton)
Mr. Steve DuBose
Mr. Ed Drane
Mr. Dean Carson (for Hugh Ryan)
Dr. George Vogt
Mr. Michael Ray
Mr. Stan Hutto (for Joe Watson)
Ms. Wendy Parks
Ms. Claudette Cureton
Dr. Bruce Rippeteau (Vice Chairman)
Senator Nell Smith
Dr. James Timmerman

MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative Malloy McEachin
Mr. Ed Burgess
Mr. Wallace Pate
Dr. Wade Batson

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Sarah Landrum
Mr. Jim Sorrow
Mr. Don Winslow
Mr. Stuart Greeter
Commissioner Larry Owen
Mr. Tom Kohlsaas
Ms. Mary Edmonds
Mr. Tom Shaw
Mr. Phil Wilkinson
Mr. Steve Bennett
Ms. Linda Lundquist
Mr. John Cely
Mr. Billy McTeer
Mr. Christopher Judge
Mr. Bert Pittman

Chairman Gauthreaux called the August 24 meeting to order at 10:00 AM at the Pickens County Country Club in Pickens. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for comments on the June 1 meeting minutes. After several minor corrections, a motion was passed to approve the minutes.

Cultural Areas Committee

Mr. Ed Drane introduced Chris Judge who updated the Board on his study to inventory and rank archaeological sites across the state. Mr. Judge held a workshop for archaeologists in Columbia and has been giving reports on his study via educational radio. His study is supported by \$30,000 contributed from the Heritage Trust Program and \$20,000 contributed from the S. C. Department of Archives and History.

Ed Drane indicated that an appraisal on Green's Shell Ring had been completed for the town of Hilton Head Island. The appraised value was \$130,000. Dr. Bruce Rippeteau and Dr. George Vogt offered to discuss the appraisal with the S. C. Budget and Control Board. If the appraisal is approved, Ed Drane proposed that the Heritage Trust Program contribute \$85,000 and the S. C. Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism contribute \$45,000 toward the purchase.

Dr. George Vogt and Tom Shaw described the significance of Milford Plantation and proposed that it be approved as a protection project. Dr. Vogt explained that if the Heritage Trust Program were to pay for an appraisal on the house and 200 acres, perhaps a buyer could be found to protect the property. Dr.

Timmerman pointed out, and Ed Drane agreed, that the Heritage Trust Program could not afford to purchase and maintain Milford Plantation. Maintenance costs were estimated to average \$16,000 per month. With that in mind, a motion was passed to approve Milford Plantation as a protection project. This was done to verify that the property was indeed significant and so the Board could allocate funding to undertake an appraisal on the property.

Natural Areas Committee

Claudette Cureton introduced Steve Bennett who summarized the management plan for the Woods Bay State Park additions. The Board passed a motion to approve that management plan.

Steve Bennett described the problem with the Gregory cemetery at the Flat Creek Natural Area in Lancaster County. He indicated that the problem was resolved and asked for \$1,000 from the Heritage Land Trust Fund to pay for a gate and some road work to protect the cemetery.

Budget Committee

Senator Nell Smith reported that the Budget Committee has reviewed the proposed Heritage Land Trust Fund budget in detail and felt confident in proposing it for approval by the Board. She asked Stuart Greeter to explain some of the detailed changes that had been made since the last meeting. He explained the expenditures made thus far in calendar year 1990, the probable expenditures to be made before the end of the calendar year, and five proposed additions to the budget. Those additions included the Ashmore Addition II, the Chandler Addition II, Windmill High Pond, Milford Plantation and the additional gate at Flat Creek Heritage Preserve. The Board passed a motion to approve the budget as presented.

Comments from the Executive Director

Dr. Timmerman reported that this year's Wildlife Department budget is tight and noted that each \$.10 increase in a gallon of gas translates into a \$90,000 increase in Department expenditures. The \$40 million budget needs to be increased by 4% (\$1.6 million) each year to maintain the status quo. A total of 46% of the Department budget comes from State appropriations, 37% is revenue generated, and 17% comes from other sources. Dr. Timmerman noted that the Wildlife Department currently has 16 new employees since 1979. He is asking Division Directors to cut spending by 5% in case the Governor asks for a spending cut from all state agencies later in the year. He is requesting two new positions and approximately \$85,000 to be added to the Heritage Trust Program budget next year.

Dr. Vogt suggested using 5% of the Heritage Land Trust Funds to pay for additional staff positions. Dr. Timmerman noted that the Heritage Land Trust Fund was approved with the promise that it would be used for land acquisition only. Stuart Greeter noted that if revenues to the Heritage Land Trust Fund were doubled, we would still be able to spend the entire fund on land acquisition. Dr. Timmerman stated that he would rather own land and gamble on getting additional staff to manage it later, rather than seeing it sold for development and not having a chance to do anything. Brock Conrad pointed out the Wildlife Department does have other staff statewide that can assist with

management of properties.

Protection Projects

Linda Lundquist reported that the Orr property had been transferred to the Wildlife Department and the Bennett's Bay Addition would be transferred shortly.

Strategic Planning Committee

Tom Kohlsaas advised that the discussion on staffing is directly related to the strategic planning effort. He recommended developing a strategic plan that identifies overall staffing needs rather than requesting one or two positions each year. The Strategic Planning Committee will present a final report to the Heritage Trust Advisory Board at their November meeting. That report will outline the suggested makeup of the Strategic Planning Committee and the process they should follow to develop a strategic plan. Tom Kohlsaas passed out copies of the draft mission statement that the committee developed at their last meeting. Sid Gauthreaux thanked the committee for their time and work.

Other Business

Don Winslow reported on his efforts and accomplishments under the Wildlife Education Program. Last year Don Winslow and his assistants talked to almost 50,000 students in South Carolina and so far Project Wild has reached over 10,000 teachers. Don Winslow has developed a new aquatic project wild and a terrestrial project wild. Republic National Bank is currently donating 1% of every new savings account to the Project Wild Program.

Chairman Gauthreaux stated that we should be thinking about developing handouts on our Heritage Preserves so they could serve as outdoor classrooms for teachers and their students.

The next Heritage Trust Advisory Board meeting will be held November 8 and will be hosted by John Nelson at the University of South Carolina.

Chairman Gauthreaux thanked Senator Nell Smith and Commissioner Larry Owen for hosting this meeting in Pickens County and indicated that it was both an enjoyable and informative session.

The meeting was adjourned.

Heritage Land Trust Fund Budget Summary for 1990
August, 1990

Project Name	County	Expenditure*
1990 Expenditures		
Glassy Mountain	Pickens	\$ 111,000
Woods Bay Addition II	Sumter	23,000
Tilghman Addition	Marion	7,000
Bunched Arrowhead Addition (Orr)	Greenville	7,000
Bunched Arrowhead H.P. Parking	Greenville	<u>26,000</u>
		\$ 174,000
1990 Commitments		
Bennetts Bay Addition	Clarendon	220,000
Cartwheel Bay Addition	Horry	145,000
Greens Shell Ring	Beaufort	85,000
Sandhills Bay	Clarendon	159,000
Chandler Addition II	Greenville (-78,000)	290,000
Saluda County Highponds	Saluda	54,000
Mount Pleasant Church Bay	Lee	82,000
Waccamaw Bridges	Horry	270,000
Lewis Ocean Bay Addition	Horry	793,000
Dargan Addition II	Marion	279,000
Ashe, Beet, Warren, Big & Boler Islands	Colleton	68,000
Savage Bay Addition II	Kershaw	27,000
Hazel Lake	Aiken	939,000
Buzzard Roost H.P. Road Work	Oconee	5,000
Cultural Areas Protection Plan	Statewide	30,000
Large Areas Planning Grants	Statewide	30,000
Lewis Ocean Bay H.P. Gates	Horry	4,000
Flat Creek H.P. Gates/Road Work	Lancaster (+ 1,000)	<u>2,000</u>
		\$3,482,000
Proposed Additions to the Budget:		
Ashmore Addition II	Greenville	68,000
Windmill Highpond	Aiken	29,000
Milford Plantation Appraisal	Sumter	<u>10,000</u>
		\$107,000
Reserved Approp. Savannah River Bluffs	195,000	
Approx. Cash Available January 1990	1,555,000	
Anticipated Revenue in 1990	<u>2,240,000</u>	
	3,990,000	
Projected End 1990 Balance		\$227,000

* All expenditures meet State accounting approvals and standards.

Approved Expenditures - No Time Frame

Dukes Bay	Hampton	\$ 363,000
Long Branch Bay	Barnwell	80,000
Savannah River Bluffs Addition	Aiken	332,000
Branchville Bay	Orangeburg	50,000
Dalzell Bay	Sumter	50,000
Halfway Gut Branch Bay	Dorchester	30,000
Reevesville Bay	Dorchester	20,000
Little Pee Dee State Park Bay	Dillon	80,000
Fish Haul Creek	Beaufort	100,000
York Subdivision	York	30,000
Barton Bay	Allendale	<u>255,000</u>
		\$1,390,000