

MINUTES  
HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 1988, 10:00 AM  
MUSEUM HEADQUARTERS, HILLTON HEAD ISLAND, SC

Members Present

Sid Gauthreaux  
Ed Drane  
Fran Eargle  
Joe Watson  
Robert Gould  
George Vogt  
Claudette Cureton  
James Timmerman  
Butch Pendarvis (for Compton)

Members Absent

Bruce Rippeteau  
Eugene Foxworth  
Nell Smith  
Ed Burgess  
Wade Batson  
Michael Ray

Other Attendees

Tom Kohlsaat  
Stuart Greeter  
Roger Jones  
John Cely  
John Evans  
Brock Conrad  
John Rogers  
Nancy Brock  
Sally Murphy  
John Nelson  
Steve Bennett  
Doug Rayner  
Stevenson Moffat  
Mike Taylor  
Bill Cork

Chairman Gauthreaux called the August 25 meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board (HTAB) to order at 10:00 AM at the Hilton Head Island Museum Headquarters. Chairman Gauthreaux introduced Commissioner Butch Pendarvis, John Evans - Director of the Hilton Head Land Trust, Mike Taylor - Director of the Hilton Head Museum, Stevenson Moffat, and Nancy Brock. He thanked Ed Drane and Mike Taylor for hosting the meeting. The May 19 meeting minutes were approved as written. Tom Kohlsaat passed around a newspaper containing articles about Ed Drane working on the Turtle Watch Program and Sally Murphy involved with the turtle excluder device (TED) issue.

Budget Committee

Tom Kohlsaat passed out copies of the updated Heritage Land Trust Fund Budget with one correction. He increased the Shealy's Pond proposal by \$4,000 and decreased the final balance by \$4,000. A motion was made to approve the budget as presented and the motion passed.

Mr. Kohlsaat went on to describe the current situation with regard to operating costs under the Heritage Trust Program. When the program first began, we had operating funds but no money for acquisition of property. With the advent of the Heritage Land Trust Fund (HLTF) this situation has reversed. During the first ten years of the program, we acquired one Heritage Preserve per year. During the first year HLTF money was available, nine new Heritage Preserves were established. Thirteen additional preserves have been approved

for purchase by the Heritage Trust Advisory Board. If Lewis Ocean Bay is acquired the amount of acreage we are responsible for managing will double. Thus, additional positions are needed to adjust to this situation.

Ideal staffing for a Heritage Program is five people with no management responsibility. We currently have three people plus preserve management responsibility.

Dr. Timmerman described the budget process he must go through each year. He said that Board members could help by contacting legislators at the right time. Dr. Vogt asked to what extent full-time employees could be hired with Check for Wildlife funds. Dr. Timmerman said that it was not a good idea to hire people with revenue funds because cost of living increases must then be taken out of operating funds.

#### Cultural Areas Committee

Ed Drane, Chairman of the Cultural Areas Committee, said that the Hilton Head Towne Council will not purchase Fish Haul Creek. The owner is still willing to sell and the Museum of Hilton Head may be able to purchase the property. The Hilton Head Island Land Trust may be able to help out. Ed Drane said that the Cultural Areas Committee will look into the 22 acre Fish Haul Plantation site which lies next to Fish Haul Creek and may cost \$2 million.

John Rogers described the Croft State Park Soapstone Quarry for consideration as a protection project. A survey of all soapstone quarries in South Carolina indicates that this is the only one in public ownership and the best preserved. The artifacts here represent the Late Archaic/Early Woodland Period, 3000 to 1000 B.C. The Board passed a motion to approve the Croft State Park Soapstone Quarry as a protection project.

#### Natural Areas Committee

Claudette Cureton discussed the large areas concept and said that the Committee will present more information on that at the next meeting. John Nelson described Piedmont Monadnocks as a proposed protection project. With several dozen of these physical features in existence, three were chosen as the best remaining examples. The Board passed a motion to approve Ferguson's Mountain, Draytonville Mountain, and Glassy Mountain as protection projects.

#### Comments from the Executive Director

Dr. Timmerman explained the situation regarding requirements for the use of Turtle Excluder Devices (TED's). He also said that the Wildlife Department is interested in protecting additional property in the Ashepoo, Combahee, Edisto (ACE) River Basin. The Department currently owns 7500 acres in the ACE Basin which is the Bear Island Game Management Area. Springfield Plantation has also recently been acquired and other land may potentially be donated. Dr. Timmerman will be meeting with other groups to work toward preserving this area. The Board passed a motion to list the ACE Basin as a future agenda item.

### Protection Projects Update

Roger Jones reported that The Nature Conservancy had closed on property at Shealy's Pond and Buzzard Roost and was making progress on the Ashmore Addition and Sandhills Bay. Stuart Greeter reported that since the last meeting the Wildlife Department had purchased the Chandler property in Greenville County. Mr. Dargan has agreed to sell his property along the Little Pee Dee River at 60% of appraised fair market value. During the last fiscal year, from June 30, 1987 to June 30, 1988, six different parcels of property were purchased with the Heritage Land Trust Fund. Included in those acquisitions were the Nipper Creek Heritage Preserve, the Chandler Heritage Preserve, and three additions to the Bunched Arrowhead Heritage Preserve. It seems as though we are acquiring six properties per year and spending about \$600,000 each year.

### Capers Island Management Plan

The Capers Island Management Plan was discussed briefly. Chairman Gauthreaux asked that it be brought up for a vote at the next HTAB meeting after copies are mailed out to all members.

### Other Business

Tom Kohlsaet displayed a print that John Henry Dick donated for use with this year's Check for Wildlife poster. A reception will be held at Gibbes Gallery in Charleston on November 15 to show the print. The Board passed a motion that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board act as sponsor to the reception.

Ed Drane suggested that staff investigate the issue of condemnation at Heritage Sites and State Park properties. Dr. Timmerman asked Tom Kohlsaet to contact Buford Mabry about that and put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Roger Jones invited everyone to The Nature Conservancy's Tenth Anniversary at Middleton Place on Saturday, October 22.

Chairman Gauthreaux asked that the potential registration at Myrtle Beach State Park be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

The next meeting was scheduled for November 16 in Charleston.

The meeting was adjourned.

Projected Heritage Land Trust Fund Activity - 1988

8-1-88

	Debits	Credits	Balance
Starting Balance			1,069,000
1988 Revenue and Expenditures			
Revenue to Date		917,000	
Bunched Arrowhead III	62,000		
Tilghman Heritage Preserve	55,000		
Chandler Heritage Preserve	194,000		
Pinckney House (Snee Farm)	100,000		
SUBTOTAL	411,000		1,575,000
Approved Expenditures-Probable in '88			
Bennett's Bay Addition	80,000		
Cartwheel Bay Addition	145,000		
Flat Creek Addition	116,000		
Little Pee Dee State Park Bay	80,000		
Woods Bay Addition	75,000		
Fish Haul Creek	100,000		
Buzzard Roost	328,000		
Dukes Bay	363,000		
Ashmore Tract Addition	223,000		
Sandhills Bay	159,000		
Dargan Property	150,000		
Shealy's Pond	22,500		
Lewis Ocean Appraisal & Survey	50,000		
SUBTOTAL	1,891,500		
Proposed Expenditures			
Shealy's Pond Increase	<del>38</del> <sup>22</sup> ,000		
SUBTOTAL	<del>38</del> <sup>22</sup> ,000		
Projected 1988 Revenue		383,000	
TOTALS	2,320 <sup>24</sup> ,500	1,300,000	48 <sup>44</sup> ,500

Approved Expenditures-No Time Frame

Long Branch Bay	80,000
Lewis Ocean Bay	800,000
Lewis Ocean Bay II	800,000
Savannah River Bluffs Addition	332,000
York Subdivision Outcrop	13,000
Branchville Bay	50,000
Dalzell Bay	50,000
Halfway Gut Branch Bay	30,000
Reevesville Bay	20,000
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	2,175,000

Projected Heritage Land Trust Fund Activity 88-89

11-21-88

	Debits	Credits	Balance
Starting Balance (Jan. 1988)			1,069,000
1988 Revenue and Expenditures			
Revenue to Date		1,932,000	
Bunched Arrowhead III	62,000		
Tilghman Heritage Preserve	55,000		
Chandler Heritage Preserve	194,000		
Pinckney House (Snee Farm)	100,000		
Buzzard Roost	267,000		
Dargan Property	150,000		
Shealy's Pond	40,000		
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	868,000		2,133,000
Approved Expend.-Probable in one year			
Bennett's Bay Addition	80,000		
Cartwheel Bay Addition	145,000		
Flat Creek Addition (Byrd)	116,000		
Little Pee Dee State Park Bay	80,000		
Woods Bay Addition	75,000		
Fish Haul Creek	100,000		
Dukes Bay	363,000		
Ashmore Tract Addition	223,000		
Sandhills Bay	159,000		
Lewis Ocean Appraisal & Survey	50,000		
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SUBTOTAL	1,391,000		
Proposed Expenditures for 1989			
Dargan Property Addition #1	45,000		
Savage Bay Addition #2	24,000		
Hoyt-Cooke & Wall Trust #3	489,000		
Steven's Creek Addition #4	111,000		
Lewis Ocean Bay I	1,250,000		
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SUBTOTAL	1,919,000		
Projected 1988 Revenue		200,000	
Projected Revenue Through June '89		1,000,000	
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TOTALS	4,178,000	3,132,000	23,000



Approved Expenditures-No Time Frame

Long Branch Bay	80,000
Lewis Ocean Bay II	1,250,000
Savannah River Bluffs Addition	332,000
York Subdivision Outcrop	13,000
Branchville Bay	50,000
Dalzell Bay	50,000
Halfway Gut Branch Bay	30,000
Reevesville Bay	20,000
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	1,825,000

Heritage Land Trust Fund Activity, 1986 & 1987

	Debits	Credits	Balance
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1986 Revenue & Expenditures			
Savannah River Bluffs	205,000		
Cartwheel Bay	249,000		
Bennett's Bay	135,000		
Savage Bay	1,000		
Appropriation for Savannah River Bluffs		400,000	
1986 Revenue		341,000	
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	590,000	741,000	151,000
1987 Revenue and Expenditures			
Bunched Arrowhead I	156,000		
Bunched Arrowhead II	196,000		
Wall Tract	50,000		
Nipper Creek	45,000	1,125,000	
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SUBTOTAL	447,000	1,276,000	829,000
1988 Revenue and Expenditures			
Bunched Arrowhead III	62,000		
Tilghman	55,000		
Chandler	194,000		
Pinckney House (Snee Farm)	100,000		
Buzzard Roost	267,000		
Dargan Property	150,000		
Shealy's Pond	40,000	2,322,000	
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	868,000	3,151,000	2,283,000



Heritage Land Trust Fund Activity, 1986 - 1988

	Debits	Credits	Balance
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<b>1986 Revenue &amp; Expenditures</b>			
Savannah River Bluffs	205,000		
Cartwheel Bay	249,000		
Bennett's Bay	135,000		
Savage Bay	1,000		
Appropriation for Savannah River Bluffs		400,000	
1986 Revenue		341,000	
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	590,000	741,000	151,000
<b>1987 Revenue and Expenditures</b>			
Bunched Arrowhead I	156,000		
Bunched Arrowhead II	196,000		
Wall Tract	50,000		
Nipper Creek	45,000		
Revenue		1,125,000	
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<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>447,000</b>	<b>1,125,000</b>	<b>829,000</b>
<b>1988 Revenue and Expenditures</b>			
Bunched Arrowhead III	62,000		
Tilghman	55,000		
Chandler	194,000		
Pinckney House (Snee Farm)	100,000		
Buzzard Roost	267,000		
Dargan Property	150,000		
Shealy's Pond	40,000		
Ashmore Tract Addition	225,000		
Revenue		2,744,000	
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	1,093,000	2,744,000	2,480,000