

Minutes

**S.C. Heritage Trust Advisory Board
August 5, 1993
Columbia, S.C.**

Members Present

Mr. Tony Merck
Dr. George Vogt
Dr. John Dean
Ms. Wendy Parks
Mr. Joe F. Watson
Dr. Jon Leader (for Dr. Rippeteau)
Dr. Terry Ferguson
Dr. James Timmerman
Mr. Joe Mills (for Hugh Ryan)
Mr. Ed Drane (for Marion Burnside)
Dr. Whit Gibbons
Mr. Jim Crawford

Others Present

Mr. Steve Bennett
Mr. John Cely
Mr. Chris Judge
Mr. Ken Prosser
Mr. Stuart Greeter
Mr. Brock Conrad
Ms. Mary Edmunds

Members Absent

Dr. Overton Ganong
Mr. Russ McCoy

Chairman Tony Merck called the meeting to order. A motion was made by George Vogt and seconded to approve the Minutes of the May 6, 1993 Heritage Trust Advisory Board (HTAB) meeting. The motion passed.

Comments from the Executive Director

Dr. Timmerman reported on state agency reorganization: Effective July 1, 1994 the agency name will be changed to the Department of Natural Resources. The Commission will no longer exist. A board will be established and each member will serve on the board until his term expires. The Governor can appoint a new board through an Executive Order. The board will select an executive director to serve at the pleasure of the board. All directors will become deputy directors and will serve at the pleasure of the executive

director. Deputy directors will have no grievance rights. Dr. Timmerman stated he favors the board over the cabinet form because of all the changes that would occur each time a new governor is elected.

Dr. Timmerman also commented on the Land Resources Commission and the Water Resources Commission becoming a part of the Department of Natural Resources. He is impressed with the work of both agencies and believes they will be a big asset to the new department.

Further, Dr. Timmerman stated the reorganization effort is going smoothly. Although it will cost more in the beginning, reorganization should provide a more efficient and effective form of government.

In regard to the budget, Dr. Timmerman said the Department did not lose any money, nor did it gain any from the legislature this year. The next several years, however, will be tough on the budget.

Other Business

Tom Kohlsaas commented on the impact of reorganization on the HTAB. He passed out a page of the restructuring bill to board members for their review. Dr. Timmerman stated advisory boards set up legislatively like Heritage Trust are unchanged, except for the names of the agencies they represent. Tom Kohlsaas asked HTAB members to consider ways to restructure and add more representation

to the board.

A suggestion was made to allow an Executive Committee of the HTAB to approve recommendations (possibly by a phone vote) and forward to Tom Kohlsaas. Dr. Timmerman interjected that the legal staff could also provide alternatives and suggestions for representation. A motion was made and approved by the HTAB.

Cultural Areas Committee

Dr. Vogt reported the Committee discussed GIS and had two items to present for approval.

1. Pacolet River Management Plan: Dr. Vogt stated the original language in the plan prohibited hunting. This has been revised. The new language states that hunting will be considered if public use is lower than expected.

Dr. Timmerman asked the size of the area involved. A response of 250 acres was given. Dr. Timmerman also suggested adding to the plan reasons why the area is not suited for hunting.

A decision was made to define S.P.A.C.E. in the management plan as the Spartanburg Conservation Endowment.

A motion was made and passed by the HTAB to approve the Pacolet River Management Plan.

2. A one-half mile chain link fence along the Nipper Creek archaeological site: Dr. Vogt stated a fence is needed to keep out debris from an adjacent landfill. He added that the fence is being paid for by Richland County and we are providing an easement for erection of the fence.

A question was asked regarding our policy on easements. Chris Judge stated that Buford Mabry drew up the license. Brock Conrad interjected that an easement would not be against Commission policy if it is in the best interest of the Department. A motion was made and passed by the HTAB for approval of the fence.

As a final note, Dr. Vogt stated the Committee felt it would be a good idea to survey owners of the 100 listed archaeological sites to determine their availability.

Natural Areas Committee

Dr. Gibbons reported the main area of discussion by the Committee concerned the "large areas" planning concept. He said the Committee reaffirms its endorsement of the idea, but no motion was needed as this was a Committee agreement.

Budget Committee

HTAB entered Executive Session and Stuart Greeter presented the budget. The HTAB went back into regular session and voted to approve the budget as presented.

The next meeting will be held November 4, 1993.

Adjourn.