

HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD  
TENTATIVE BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA  
10:00 a.m. - August 6, 1981  
Room 335, Rembert Dennis Bldg.  
1000 Assembly Street - Columbia

- I. Call to order.
- II. Consideration of the June 5th Meeting Minutes
- III. The Mountain Bridge management plan - presented by the Dept. of Parks, Recreation and Tourism and the Wildlife and Marine Resources Dept.
- IV. Protection Projects Status Report
- V. Update on Nongame Tax Checkoff public relations effort
- VI. Update on archaeological, historical, or natural areas protection projects. (LaBruce Alexander: 40-Acre Rock)  
(Steve Bennett: Bog Turtle documentation)
- VII. Status of the Capers Island deer hunt
- VIII. Consideration of the 5-year review document
- IX. Suggested amendment to the by-laws pertaining to mail-in ballots and appointment of standing committees.
- X. Appointment of Budget; Cultural Areas, and Natural Areas Committees.
- XI. Adjournment

S. C. HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD  
Thursday, August 6, 1981  
Dennis Building, Columbia

Members Present

Mr. Walter T. Ahearn  
(representing Mr. Leonard A. Kilian, Jr.)  
Dr. Wade T. Batson  
Mr. Fred P. Brinkman  
Mrs. Ethel Jane Bunting, VICE-CHAIRMAN  
Mr. Ed Burgess  
(representing Mr. Robert E. Leak)  
Mrs. Claudette Cureton  
Mrs. Christie Fant  
Dr. Sidney A. Gauthreaux, Jr., CHAIRMAN  
Dr. Robert L. Lumpkin  
Mr. Rudy Mancke  
(representing Mr. David C. Sennema)  
Mr. Henry Savage  
Dr. Robert L. Stephenson  
Mr. Gurdon Tarbox  
Dr. James A. Timmerman, Jr.  
Mr. Pat Walker  
(representing Mr. John W. Parris)  
Representative Daniel E. Winstead

Members Absent

Senator Arthur Ravenel

Others Present

Mr. & Mrs. Edwin B. Cooper  
Commissioner Archie L. Stubbs, Wildlife  
Ms. LaBruce S. Alexander, S.C. TNC  
Ms. Jean Burns, S.C. TNC  
Mr. Buddy Jennings, PRT  
Mr. John Clonts, PRT  
Ms. Langdon Edmunds, Arch. & Hist.  
Mr. Jefferson C. Fuller, Jr., Wildlife  
Mr. Dan Dobbins, Wildlife  
Mr. Mike Creel, Wildlife  
Mr. John Evans, Wildlife  
Corp. J. C. Simms, Wildlife  
Mr. Thomas S. Kohlsaas, Heritage Trust  
Dr. Douglas A. Rayner, Heritage Trust  
Mr. Stephen H. Bennett, Heritage Trust  
Mr. Stuart E. Greeter, Jr., Heritage Trust  
Mr. James A. Sorrow, Jr., Heritage Trust  
Ms. Jan Mewborn, Heritage Trust

Chairman Gauthreaux called the August 6th meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and introduced guests and new members. Included were Representative Daniel Winstead (a new Board member), Mr. Archie Stubbs (a S. C. Wildlife Commission member), and guests Mr. & Mrs. Cooper, from Columbia.

The minutes of the June 5th meeting were approved with the correction of two typographical errors.

MOUNTAIN BRIDGE

Tom Kohlsaas introduced the Mountain Bridge project by noting the significance of that large area. He pointed out one alternative which was to dedicate the entire property under the Heritage Trust and specify various uses under a management plan. Buddy Jennings remarked this was the first joint effort project involving two (2) state agencies, the Governor's Office, The Nature Conservancy, Naturaland Trust, and the Sierra Club. The total project involved \$6.8 million, which includes \$1 million in State funds and over \$3 million of property donated by owners such as the Coopers and Watsons. Slopes, soils, vegetation and other physical features are considered in planning recreational development. With over 10,000 acres of property involved, hunting is a recreational activity that will be considered.

Dr. Timmerman noted recently passed legislation that makes deer hunting on game management areas within 300 yards of any residence illegal.

Mr. Cooper commented he supports the Heritage Trust Program and is glad to see that property he formerly owned would be preserved for future generations.

Jim Sorrow distributed a list of planning considerations for the Mountain Bridge area. The factors discussed included: closing some roads, improving the road to North Carolina, trout stream protection, wildlife management, critical wildlife habitats, hunting alternatives, and trails.

Doug Rayner reported that he had found plant species of concern on all the Mountain Bridge tracts except the Caesar's Head tract. Doug explained the significance of several localities indicated on maps which were distributed. Included were the Watson-Cooper montane bog, the white fringeless orchid, and six (6) other specific localities.

Tom Kohlsaät passed out an article entitled "Mountains Without Handrails", by Joseph L. Sax. The article addresses the highest use for wilderness areas.

Mrs. Bunting mentioned a National Geographic Special entitled "National Parks—Playgrounds or Paradise" which was shown on ETV. Mr. Ahearn suggested that the film be obtained to be shown at the next meeting.

Dr. Gauthreaux recognized The Nature Conservancy for donating \$19,000 to SCW&MRD to help manage the Watson-Cooper tract. Dr. Timmerman extended thanks to everyone concerned with obtaining funds for the Mountain Bridge acquisition.

Dr. Lumpkin asked that HTAB members be kept apprised of the results of the public hearings on the Mountain Bridge project.

Dr. Gauthreaux summarized several points. Should the entire area or only parts be dedicated under the Heritage Trust? The Mountain Bridge item on the protection projects status report should probably be expanded in the future. More inventory work needs to be carried out in the future. The HTAB should come to a consensus regarding these points at the next meeting.

#### PROTECTION PROJECTS STATUS REPORT

The protection projects status report was reviewed. It was agreed that more information would be gathered regarding the Pacolet River soapstone outcrops. Status of the Thomas Heyward burial site will be checked again. Ms. Alexander updated members with regard to Socastee Savannah, Shealy's Pond, and Tillman Sand Ridge projects. Dr. Stephenson spoke about Flag and Grove Plantation.

#### NONGAME TAX CHECKOFF

Tom Kohlsaät reported that articles have been appearing in newspapers on the nongame tax checkoff. Two TV programs and several radio shows have also been done. A presentation for the State Fair is being prepared. Invitations to utilize a prepared slide show program have been mailed to civic groups. Dr. Stephenson suggested showing that program at a future meeting. Representative Winstead pointed out that a bill to permit taxpayers to earmark one dollar for their tax payment to a political campaign fund has passed the House and will surely pass the Senate. There may be some confusion between the two checkoffs.

#### 40-ACRE ROCK

Ms. Alexander reported on her progress with the 40-acre rock project and indicated The Nature Conservancy held an option on a portion of the property. Rudy Mancke said the rock face was in poor condition because of public use. Dr. Timmerman indicated that bonding money was still available for this project and could be approved by the Attorney General's Office as soon as the ownership question was resolved.

#### BOG TURTLE

Steve Bennett presented documentation on the bog turtle as a proposed protection project and the Board approved. Steve also noted the Southeastern Heritage Conference to be held on October 13, 14 & 15 at Santee State Park.

Mr. Savage reported problems related to the Healing Springs site and asked that staff investigate that area as a protection project. Ms. Fant made a motion to that effect which the Board passed.

Ms. Fant indicated that Archives and History would make a presentation regarding Ashley River Road at a future meeting. Dr. Gauthreaux said there will always be a place on the agenda for reports of that nature.

#### CAPERS ISLAND

Dr. Gauthreaux reported that the hunting regulation for Capers Island was withdrawn. Dr. Timmerman stated that Commissioners were not informed about the existing Capers Island Management Plan because of an oversight by the staff. He suggested that the HTAB Chairman give a report at Commission meetings that immediately follow HTAB meetings. Dr. Timmerman also suggested that the Marine Resources Division rewrite the Capers Island Management Plan to be reviewed by HTAB and other interested parties. Mrs. Bunting stated that the Marine Resources Division has been doing a superb job managing Capers Island.

#### 5-YEAR REVIEW

The 5-year review was amended by deleting the last 4½ lines of the paragraph under issue II on page 4. The document was then approved with the proposed amendments that had been previously mailed to Board members.

#### BY-LAWS

The by-laws were amended to allow thirty (30) calendar days for mail-in ballots to be received (Section VIII). There was general agreement among members that Section VII, regarding appointment of committees, can be interpreted to mean either standing committees or ad hoc committees.

Dr. Stephenson moved that the Board authorize the Chairman to appoint a Budget Committee, Cultural Areas Committee, and a Natural Areas Committee. Dr. Gauthreaux mentioned that upon appointment of such committees, he may ask for further changes in the by-laws to reflect the responsibilities and reporting procedures of those committees. After some discussion, Dr. Gauthreaux appointed the following Committees:

<u>Budget</u>	<u>Cultural Areas</u>	<u>Natural Areas</u>
Dr. Stephenson	Dr. Stephenson	Dr. Batson
Mr. Ahearn	Ms. Fant	Ms. Cureton
Dr. Lumpkin	Mrs. Bunting	Mr. Tarbox
Mr. Walker	Mr. Savage	Mr. Mancke
Mr. Burgess	Mr. Mike Foley*	Mr. Walker
Rep. Winstead	Mr. Rodger Stroup	Mr. John Clonts*
Sen. Ravenel		

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

\* Pending approval of Mr. Brinkman.