MINUTES HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1990 REMBERT DENNIS BUILDING, COLUMBIA, SC

Members Present

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Dr. Sid Gauthreaux Mr. Dan Dobbins (for Dr. Timmerman) Dr. George Vogt Dr. Wade Batson Mr. Joe Watson Mr. Ed Drane Mr. Jack Gould Dr. Bruce Rippeteau Mr. J. Stephen DuBose Mr. Ed Burgess Ms. Claudette Cureton

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Members Absent

Representative Malloy McEachin Mr. Wallace Pate Senator Nell Smith Mr. Chuck Compton Ms. Fran Eargle

Others Present

Mr. Stuart Greeter Mr. Tom Kohlsaat Dr. Robert Stephenson Mr. Michael Ray Mr. John Cely Dr. John Nelson Ms. Linda Lundquist Mr. Steve Bennett Ms. Debi Hursey Mr. Glenn Oeland Mr. Irvin Pitts Ms. Nancy Brock Ms. Mary Edmonds Mr. Steven Smith Mr. Fritz Hamer Ms. Mary Merrick Ms. Laura McIntosh Mr. Paul Pinkham Mr. Billy Keyserling

Chairman Gauthreaux called the February 1 meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board (HTAB) to order at 10:00 AM in Room 335 of the Rembert Dennis Building. Chairman Gauthreaux welcomed Mr. Stephen DuBose, Paul Pinkham, Fritz Hamer, Mary Merrick, Laura McIntosh, Bob Stephenson and Irvin Pitts to the HTAB meeting.

The minutes to the November 9 meeting were approved as presented.

Cultural Areas Committee

Mr. Ed Drane gave the HTAB members an update on Greens Shell Ring. The most recent appraisal was declared inadequate by the Budget and Control Board. A motion was made and approved to proceed with a second appraisal.

Mr. Drane also reported on Snee Farm (Pinckney House). Heritage Trust is still trying to gain title to a portion of the property. Friends of Snee Farm have been seeking a proviso through Senator Waddell that would rescind the program's requirement to acquire an interest in property. The staff feels that this would set a bad precedent for future uses of the Heritage Land Trust Fund. Mr. Drane continued the Cultural Areas report by reporting on the Ashley River Corridor. Whitehall Subdivision has requested a permit for a community boat dock on the Ashley River. A motion was made and approved for the Heritage Trust Advisory Board to intervene in the appeal of the permit, if that is not possible then Heritage Trust would request the Wildlife Commission to intervene on Heritage Trust's behalf.

Mr. Drane then reported that three people have applied to work on the Cultural Areas Protection Plan.

Natural Areas Committee

Dr. Wade Batson reported that Joyner Bank was being threatened by dredging. The Natural Areas Committee and Heritage Trust believe the threat has passed, but they are keeping an eye on the site.

Budget Committee

Mr. Stuart Greeter noted that there are three proposed additions to the 1990 Heritage Land Trust Fund budget. The first addition is the Orr property in Greenville County. This property will be a 2.4 acre addition to the Bunched Arrowhead Preserve. An environmental assessment will have to be completed, but an existing appraisal will be used. The Nature Conservancy has agreed to purchase the property at slightly above fair market value and in turn will sell it to Heritage Trust for fair market value.

Mr. Steve Bennett reported on the remaining expenditures. The funds will be used to purchase 8 gates; 7 for Lewis Ocean Bay Heritage Preserve and 1 for Flat Creek Heritage Preserve. Mr. Bennett explained the gates were needed to provide adequate management for these Preserves. A motion was made and approved to accept the budget with the proposed additions. A copy of the approved budget is attached to the meeting minutes in the file.

Comments from the Executive Director

Dan Dobbins noted that Dr. Timmerman regrets not being able to attend and sends his regards.

Protection Projects Update

Mr. Stuart Greeter reported that the Registration Agreement on Bolen Bay was signed. The Registration Agreement still awaits approval from the Heritage Trust Advisory Board and the Wildlife Commission. A motion was made and passed to approve the Bolen Bay Registration Agreement.

Mr. Greeter explained the Annual Report for 1989. He noted that 9 out of 10 acquisitions were additions to existing Preserves. Mr. Greeter stressed the need to acquire buffer area around the Preserves. He also noted 34 different rare elements were protected

He also summarized this year's proposed on 7,700 acres. expenditures.

Mr. Greeter discussed the projected land protection goals for the Heritage Trust Program which included additional staff needed to quadruple the amount of land protected each year.

Victoria Bluff Update

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Ms. Laura McIntosh reported on the Department of Health and Environmental Control's (DHEC) water quality hearing held for the Thunderbird Boat Plant. Ms. McIntosh believes that DHEC has lowered the standards to accommodate Thunderbird. She also noted the increased hazards associated with the boat plant.

Mr. Billy Keyserling spoke out on behalf of the boat plant and stressed the owner's willingness to cooperate with the Wildlife Department and Bluffton residents. He explained that he did not agree completely with Ms. McIntosh's view of the situation.

Other Business

Mr. John Cely presented a film from Florida on the importance of wildlife corridors.

Mr. Tom Kohlsaat explained a proposed reorganization of the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division of the Wildlife Department. The proposed reorganization was discussed and a motion was made and passed to hold an additional Advisory Board meeting to address the future of the Heritage Trust Program. Another motion was made and passed to authorize Chairman Gauthreaux to consult with Dr. Timmerman on the positioning of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board in the Department organizational chart so it is in a better position to advise the Wildlife Commission.

Mr. Steve Bennett noted that Dr. John Nelson is no longer a botanist with the Heritage Program, but is now the Curator at the University of South Carolina, A.C. Moore Herbarium. A motion was made and passed to thank Dr. John Nelson for his past work. 121 - . . + .

Chairman Gauthreaux appointed Mr. Stephen DuBose and Dr. John () . Nelson to the Natural Areas Committee. 12 2 2 3

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Chairman Gauthreaux noted after some discussion the additional Advisory Board meeting would be held on either April 12, 19 or 20. Dr. George Vogt suggested that a representative from Human 375 Resources Management attend the special meeting. 4

The meeting was adjourned.

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Heritage Land Trust Fund Budget Summary for 1990 Date: 1-29-90

	Project Name	County	Expenditure*
1990	Commitments		
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	Cartwheel Bay Addition	Horry	145,000
	Fish Haul Creek	Beaufort	100,000
	Green's Shell Ring	Beaufort	100,000
	Sandhills Bay	Clarendon	159,000
	Woods Bay Addition II	Clarendon/Sumte	er 110,000
	Chandler Addition I & II	Greenville	368,000
	Saluda County Highponds	Saluda	54,000
	Mount Pleasant Church Bay	Lee	82,000
	Waccamaw Bridges	Horry	270,000
	Barton Bay	Allendale	255,000
	York Subdivision Outcrop	York	30,000
		Marion	7,000
	Tilghman Addition		170,000
	Glassy Mountain	Pickens	
	Lewis Ocean Bay Addition	Horry	793,000
	Flat Creek Addn. (Hancock)	Lancaster	88,000
	Bunched Arrowhead H.P. Parking	Greenville	26,000
	Buzzard Roost H.P.Road Work	Oconee	5,000
	Cultural Areas Protection Plan	Statewide	30,000
	Large Areas Planning Grants	Statewide	30,000
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	Approx. Cash Avail. End 1990	4,019,000	
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	Dukes Bay	Hampton	363,000
	Long Branch Bay	Barnwell	80,000
	Savannah River Bluffs Add'n	Aiken	
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	Branchville Bay	Orangeburg	50,000
	Dalzell Bay	Sumter	50,000
	Halfway Gut Branch Bay	Dorchester	30,000
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