

Minutes
SC Heritage Trust Advisory Board
February 2, 1995
Columbia, S.C.

Members Present

Dr. Whit Gibbons, Chairman
Dr. Terry Ferguson, Vice-Chairman
Dr. John Dean
Mr. Tony Merck
Mr. Bruce Sahlman
Dr. Bruce Rippeteau
Dr. George Vogt
Mr. Joe Mills (for Hugh Ryan)
Mr. Russ McKoy
Mr. Brock Conrad (for Marion Burnside)
Mr. Billy McTeer (for Dr. Timmerman)
Mr. Mike Foley (for Grace McKown)

Others Present

Mr. Tom Kohlfaat
Mr. Stuart Greeter
Mr. Steve Bennett
Mr. John Cely
Ms. Sally Murphy
Mr. Greg Lucas
Mr. Chris Judge
Mr. Ken Prosser
Mr. Carl Steen
Ms. Caroline Rothfuss
Mr. Mike McKenzie
Mr. Tim Ivey
Mr. Mike Thompson

Members Absent

Mr. Jack Lunn
Dr. Overton Ganong
Mr. Cary Chamblee

Dr. Whit Gibbons called the meeting to order and called the roll.

Approval of November 3 Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 3, 1994 Heritage Trust Advisory Board (HTAB) meeting. The motion was approved.

Comments from the Director

In Dr. Timmerman's absence, Brock Conrad began by stating that there were a lot of rumors currently circulating in state government. Brock advised all those present to disregard such rumors.

In regard to the budget, Brock said a 5% reduction had been ordered for most state agencies. Although it is not yet known what

cuts will be made by DNR, Brock said there is a strong possibility that Heritage Trust will lose a position that is currently vacant in the Section.

Heritage Land Trust Fund Annual Report

Stuart Greeter passed out copies of an expenditure sheet to HTAB members listing 1994 expenditures for the Heritage Land Trust Fund. Stuart informed members that the list is a part of the annual report that will go to the legislature.

In 1994, Stuart said approximately 4700 acres of land was acquired at a cost of \$2.7 million. He added that \$165,000 was spent on personnel services, preserve management, and preserve facilities.

In conclusion, Stuart said the average cost per acre for the 4700 acres acquired was \$571. At the next meeting, Stuart said copies of the annual report would be available to HTAB members.

Otter Island Management Plan

In accordance with state law, Tom Kohlsaas asked HTAB members to consider approval of the management plan for Otter Island. Tom said the Natural Areas Committee had already discussed the plan and referred to Dr. John Dean.

Dr. Dean stated that the committee did discuss the plan and recommended there be some clarification in the document to minimize potential user-group conflicts. Dr. Dean added that the committee felt the details should be worked out by the staff.

As a result, Dr. Dean said the committee recommends approval of the management plan subject to collection of all information, a re-drafting and a mail vote by board members.

Dr. Gibbons interjected that he received a letter from Dana Beach recommending the board consider the idea of limiting hunting on the island. Dr. Dean stated this was discussed earlier and made a part of the committee recommendation.

Tom displayed a map of Otter Island and stated that the main concerns on the island include a sand spit, a Civil War fort, and a turtle nesting beach.

Tom briefly discussed the plan and said that a final version needs to be approved as soon as possible. Brock said he would like to have the a final copy of the document to present at the February DNR Board meeting.

A motion was made to approve the Otter Island management plan subject to changes concerning accommodations for public use; once these changes are incorporated into the document, the plan will then be mailed to HTAB members as a final document for their approval. The motion was seconded and approved.

Other Business

Stuart Greeter passed out several copies of newspaper articles written about preserves throughout the state. He also distributed copies of new HTAB membership lists and copies of updated preserve guides to board members. Stuart noted that we currently have 43 heritage preserves that total just over 62,000 acres.

Dr. Gibbons stated there would be a press conference on March 10, 1995 to publicize the Waccamaw River addition. He invited HTAB members to attend.

Natural Areas Committee

Dr. Dean stated the committee dealt with several items.

First, Dr. Dean reported the committee reviewed the Otter Island Management Plan.

Next, the committee reviewed and discussed the budget proposals before the board.

Finally, Dr. Dean said the committee would ask that staff think in broader terms when writing announcements and public relations pieces about property acquisitions. Dr. Dean said these announcements should include statements about public benefits that are known to exist, but have not been articulated upon. Dr. Dean referred to an article written by governor of New Jersey as an example.

Other Business

Dr. Gibbons introduced Mike Thompson to speak about Senate Bill S305.

Mike stated that the bill was recently introduced by Senator Dick Elliott from Horry County. He said that the bill limits the number of acres Heritage Trust can acquire per county to 20,000. Mike added that we are currently at 19,500 acres in Horry County. Mike also said he has contacted Senator Elliott's office in an effort to arrange a meeting with him to discuss the bill.

Dr. Dean asked what was the rationale for this action. Mike replied that self-interest from an economic development standpoint probably plays a major role. He added that land purchased by the state leaves less property for development.

Dr. Dean interjected that heritage preserve sites have been known to enhance property values.

Stuart explained that these points have been made before at

delegation meetings. Stuart also said that Senator Elliott specifically asked the number of acres owned by Heritage Trust in Horry County before writing the bill.

Bruce Sahlman remarked that removal of land from the county tax base could also have a substantial effect. Stuart stated that loss of land from the tax rolls can be offset by revenues generated from tourism in the area.

Dr. Gibbons asked the status of the bill. Mike replied that it has just been introduced and he will closely monitor its movement; he, Stuart and others will also try to meet with Senator Elliott as soon as possible to discuss the detrimental impact the bill would have on Heritage Trust if implemented.

Cultural Areas Committee

Dr. Vogt gave an update on five projects:

1) Altamaha Town: A Yemassee Indian village near Beaufort that is a highly ranked archaeological site. The 560 acre tract is currently threatened by development and is likely to be expensive, if affordable at all.

2) Lawton Indian Mounds: An important 184 acre Indian site located near Allendale with virtually intact mounds. The land has been in family hands since the early 1800's and it is not likely to be sold. However, the family is inclined to protect the property.

3) Fairbank Plantation: Located beneath the bridge crossing Daniel Island, this site includes several 17th century settlement components. The owner reports that the site will likely be green-spaced and therefore, essentially protected.

4) Nipper Creek: An existing heritage preserve in Richland

County that has recently been expanded by 22 acres. Negotiations are occurring with City of Columbia to move a planned water line that would go through the preserve.

5) Green's Shell Enclosure: Another existing heritage preserve located on Hilton Head Island. A parking area, ramp, and boardwalk have been constructed on the preserve to facilitate visitors. Currently, work is underway with the city of Hilton Head to produce a brochure of the site.

Dr. Vogt then referred to Chris Judge, who gave a brief slide show about the Landrum Pottery Complex. Although three properties were originally looked at for acquisition, Chris said options have been obtained to purchase two of these sites, one of which contains the Landrum home site. Chris added that Carl Steen, Director of the Edgefield Pottery and Museum, has agreed to run a stewardship committee to help protect the site.

Budget Committee

HTAB entered Executive Session and Stuart Greeter presented the budget. HTAB returned to regular session and voted to approve the budget as presented.

The next HTAB meeting is May 4, 1995.

Adjourn.

Heritage Land Trust Fund Approved Expenditures: January 1995
1-23-95

Approx. January 1, 1995 Cash Balance: 1,703,000

Revenues Expected by December 30, 1996: 1,500,000

Less 1995 Expenditures and Obligations:

Rock Hill Blackjacks-Albright	York	(167,000)
Waccamaw River Addn.-Burroughs	Horry	(7,000)
Preserve Management		(120,000)
Archaeology Contract		(35,000)
Land Protection Asst.		(35,000)
Roadwork and Gates		0

		(364,000)

Total Cash Available in 1995: 2,839,000

Less Commitments:

Cathedral Bay Addn.	Bamberg	(33,000)
Stoney Creek Battery	Beaufort	(28,000)
South Williman Island	Beaufort	(25,000)
Captain Cannons Sheep Pasture	Darlington	(263,000)
Buzzard Roost Addn.-Radar	Oconee	(275,000)
Hitchcock Woods	Aiken	(15,000)
Waccamaw River Addn.-Schultz	Horry	(411,000)
Henderson HP Addn.-Boyleston	Aiken	(57,000)
Aiken Co. Gopher Tortoise	Aiken	(208,000)
Ferguson's Mountain	York	(261,000)
Pacolet HP Parking	Spartanburg	(14,000)
Dungannon Plantation	Charleston	(500,000)
Bennett's Bay Reforestation	Clarendon	(15,000)

		(2,105,000)

Proposed Additions (1-23-95):

LPDHP Addn.-White	Horry	(48,000)
Dargan HP Addn.-IP	Horry	(1,024,000)
Lynchburg Savannah-Clark	Lee	(625,000)
Rock Hill Blackjacks Addn.-City	York	(9,000)
Old Island-TNC	Beaufort	(14,000)
Gopher Branch	Aiken	(29,000)
Segars HP Footbridge	Darlington	(15,000)
Preserve Management	Statewide	(40,000)

		(1,804,000)

CURRENT ESTIMATED BALANCE ON January 1, 1995 (1,070,000)

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Approved Expenditures - No Time Frame:

Dukes Bay	Hampton	363,000
Long Branch Bay	Barnwell	80,000
Savannah River Bluffs Addn.	Aiken	332,000
York Subdivision Outcrop	York	30,000
Branchville Bay	Orangeburg	50,000
Dalzell Bay	Sumter	50,000
Halfway Gut Branch Bay	Dorchester	30,000
Reevesville Bay	Dorchester	20,000
Barton Bay	Allendale	255,000
Mt. Pleasant Church Bay	Lee	82,000
Hazel Lake	Aiken	939,000
Sandhills Bay	Clarendon	159,000
Saluda County Highponds	Saluda	54,000
Cartwheel Bay Addn.	Horry	145,000
Glassy Mountain Addn.	Pickens	395,000
Fort Lamar	Charleston	318,000
Little Pee Dee River-IP	Marion	2,546,000
	TOTAL:	5,848,000

To be deleted from the "No Time Frame:" list:

Fish Haul Creek	Beaufort	100,000
Lewis Ocean Bay Addition	Horry	793,000
LPD River Addn. (GP)	Marion	5,275,000
Lewis Ocean Bay Addn.-Waccamaw	Horry	64,000
Waccamaw Riv. Addn.-Head	Horry	50,000
	TOTAL:	6,282,000

NOTE: All expenditures must meet State approval requirements and accounting standards.

HERITAGE LAND TRUST FUND PROJECTED BUDGET

1-23-95

January 1, 1995 Balance:

1,703,000

Expected 1995 Revenues:

1,500,000

Less: Definite Commitments:

Acres

Rock Hill Blackjacks	95	167,000
Waccamaw River Addn.	8	7,000
Preserve Management		160,000
Archaeology Contract		35,000
Land Protection Asst.		35,000
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TOTAL	103	404,000

1994 Revenues Available:

2,799,000

Expected 1995 Expenditures:

ACRES

Cathedral Bay Addn.	35	33,000
Stoney Creek Battery	10	28,000
Buzzard Roost Addn.-Radar	299	275,000
Hitchcock Woods	2,000	15,000
Waccamaw R Addn.-Schultz	192	411,000
Aiken Co. Gopher Tortoise	379	208,000
Dungannon Plantation	606	500,000
LPDHP Addn.-White	75	48,000
Dargan HP Adnn.-IP	1,660	1,024,000
Lynchburg Savannah-Clark	826	625,000
Rock Hill BJ Addn.-City	64	9,000
Old Island-TNC	3,160	14,000
Gopher Branch	11	29,000
Segars HP Footbridge	0	15,000
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TOTAL	9,317	3,234,000

9,420 Ac @ \$3,393,000 = Average Cost of \$360 / Acre

Total Expected 1995 Expenditures:

3,638,000

Projected Balance, Jan. 1, 1995

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(435,000)

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**1995 MANAGEMENT BUDGET,
HERITAGE LAND TRUST FUND**

Personal Services:

Classified Positions

2 people @ 1/3 FTE & 1 H.P. Manager, Bio II (estimated) 50,300

Part-time/Temp

2 part-time techs/or @ of Temp grant posit. 12,600
(incl some est)

Tom Welsh - part-time 2,700

Data Service Temp Assist. 3,000

Subtotal 18,300

TOTAL

68,600

Other Operating:

Contractual Services

Contract. burning (3,000 ac. @ \$12.00) 36,000

Repairs 1,000

Telephone 2,000

Printing 1,000

Contingency 2,000

Subtotal 42,000

Supplies

Seeds/seedlings for restoration 2,000

Signs/paint related materials 800

Office supplies 800

Infra-red aerials/maps of preserves 800

Misc. tools 800

Motor vehicle supplies 1,000

Subtotal 6,200

Fixed Charges

Insurance (est) 2,000

Travel 2,000

Equipment

Vehicle 16,500

Computer/printer/desk (basic office set-up) 6,000

Subtotal 22,500

Gasoline

2,000

Employer Contributions (est)

14,500

TOTAL

159,800