

Minutes
Heritage Trust Advisory Board
Thursday, February 9, 1989, 10:00 a.m.
Rembert Dennis Building, Columbia, SC

Members Present

Dr. Sidney A. Gauthreaux, Jr. (Chairman)
Dr. Wade T. Batson
Dr. Bruce Rippeteau (V. Chair.)
Ms. Joe Frank Watson
Ms. Claudette Cureton
Mr. Jack Gould
Dr. George Vogt
Dr. James A. Timmerman

Members Absent

Mr. Ed Drane
Ms. Fran Eargle
Mr. Michael Ray
Mr. Edward B. Burgess
Senator Nell Smith
Mr. Charles Compton

Others Present

Stuart Greeter
Tom Kohlsaat
Brock Conrad
Phil Wilinon
Roger Jones
Mike Creel
Steve Bennett
John Nelson
John Cely
Mary Edmonds
Jill Foster
Patricia Cridlebaugh
Steven D. Smith
Mark Dutton
Steven Moffat
Nancy Hawk

Chairman Gauthreaux called the February 9 meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board (HTAB) to order at 10:00 a.m. in room 335 of the Rembert Dennis Building. The December 1 meeting minutes were approved as written.

Budget Committee

Tom Kohlsaat passed out copies of a budget showing expenditures that were made from the Heritage Land Trust Fund (HLTF) over the last three years. He pointed out that monthly revenues to the fund are increasing. Mr. Kohlsaat passed out another budget showing proposed expenditures during calendar year 1989. The Board passed a motion to add Woods Bay Addition II to the approved expenditure list and increase Flat Creek Addition (Byrd) by \$12,000. A copy of the budgets are attached to the minutes on file.

Dr. Vogt suggested changing future HTAB meeting agendas to put the Budget Committee report after the Cultural Areas and Natural Areas Committee reports, so that Board members would have the benefit of information from these committees before voting on expenditures of funds. Board members concurred with Dr. Vogt's proposal.

Chairman Gauthreaux introduced Nancy Hawk, Pat Cridlebaugh and Jill Foster and welcomed their participation at the meeting.

Cultural Areas Committee

Dr. Bruce Rippeteau introduced Nancy Hawk and explained problems involved with obtaining an interest in property at Snee Farm. Dr. Rippeteau explained that the Friends of Snee Farm plan to transfer some portion of property to the Wildlife Department when the remainder is given to the National Park Service and that they would send a letter verifying that. Nancy Hawk discussed the history of the purchase of the Snee Farm property and said that \$725,000 is still owed on the mortgage. Dr. Vogt suggested that the Board vote to endorse funding of the Snee Farm project with non-recurring State Funds. Dr. Vogt moved that: "The Heritage Trust Advisory Board request that the Governor, the Joint Committee on Cultural Affairs, and the General Assembly as a whole give earnest consideration to providing financial support under the Supplementary Appropriations Act for the purchase of Snee Farm and its transfer to the National Park Service for maintenance as a National Historic Site". The motion was adopted.

Pat Cridlebaugh discussed the Andre Micheaux site in Charleston County and indicated that it was an important site to protect. Chairman Gauthreaux agreed to send a letter to the Charleston ~~National~~ History Society supporting protection of the site. *Natural*

Jill Foster passed out maps on Green's Shell Enclosure on Hilton Head Island and explained the significance of the site. Dr. Rippeteau said that the Cultural Areas Committee would study the situation and report on it at the next HTAB meeting.

Dr. Rippeteau said he had contacted the owner of the Lawton Mound Site on the Savannah River and would discuss it further at the next meeting.

Natural Areas Committee

Dr. Batson introduced John Nelson who showed a map and explained the significance of Snuggedy Swamp. The Board voted to approve Snuggedy Swamp as a protection project. Dr. Nelson noted that peat mining may pose a threat to this swamp.

Dr. Batson indicated that the Board would discuss large areas projects during executive session at the end of the meeting.

Comments from the Executive Director

Dr. Timmerman reported that Ducks Unlimited, The Nature Conservancy, the S.C. Wildlife Department and others are working to protect the ACE basin. He suggested having the ACE basin on the next meeting agenda for an update. Dr. Timmerman also said he has asked for four new positions for the Heritage Trust Program. He said that possibilities for Federal funding of natural resources programs look good. He suggested that HTAB members be supplied with copies of the last issue of "South Carolina Wildlife".

Changing Roles of the Game and Nongame Programs

Tom Kohlsaet gave a brief presentation on a mission statement and strategic planning for the Nongame and Heritage Trust Section. He invited the Board's participation in Nongame, as well as Heritage Trust, matters, noting the close connection between these two programs within the section. He indicated that the staff would be starting a strategic planning process and that one goal is to double the effective size of the Nongame and Heritage Trust staff by 1993. Several Board members commented favorably on the concepts presented, and discussion followed on coordinating efforts among the State agencies represented on the Board. Chairman Gauthreaux asked Board members and staff to consider how the Board might become involved in strategic planning to complement the staff's effort.

Protection Projects Update

Roger Jones reported that during the last fiscal year The Nature Conservancy (TNC) protected eight different areas in the State totalling 8,000 acres. That includes the Wall Trust Addition at Flat Creek Heritage Preserve and the easement on Hope Plantation. The Board passed a resolution commending TNC and Ted Turner for the conservation easement on Hope Plantation. The Cooke and Byrd properties in Lancaster County are currently under option.

Stuart Greeter noted that the annual report on the Heritage Land Trust Fund was included in the information packet and it lists the properties that were purchased during the last fiscal year. Those properties include the Bunched Arrowhead property in Greenville County, Tilghman property in Marion County, Candler Heritage Preserve in Greenville County, Snee Farm in Charleston County, Buzzard Roost in Oconee County, the Dargan property in Marion County, an addition to Shealy's Pond in Lexington County, and the Ashmore Addition in Greenville County.

Mr. Greeter explained the registration agreement for Myrtle Beach State Park with the additional restrictions on lighting in the parking lot at night. The Board adopted the registration as modified to address the lighting question.

Shorebird Project

Phil Wilkinson showed slides and explained the progress he is making determining the distribution and population status of shorebirds nesting in South Carolina. The project is being done in conjunction with North Carolina and is funded by the S.C. Wildlife Department, Sea Grant Consortium, and private donors. Phil discussed the techniques used in the study and the status of some of the species.

Other Business

Chairman Gauthreaux reported that Doug Rayner has left to take a job at Wofford College and Roger Jones will soon be taking another job in Mississippi. On behalf of the Board, he thanked each of those individuals for their contributions and wished them the best of luck in the future.

The Board voted to go into executive session to discuss the ranking of large areas projects. Upon return from executive session, it was reported that no action was taken.

Chairman Gauthreaux noted that the next meeting was scheduled for May 11, 1989.

Chairman Gauthreaux said that we would see about getting alternates appointed to the vacant HTAB positions by the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Heritage Land Trust Fund Budget Summary for 1989 5-5-89

Project Name	County	Expenditure
1989 Expenditures:		
Woods Bay Addition I (50%)	Clarendon/Sumter	\$ 60,000
Savage Bay Addition	Kershaw	23,000

		83,000
1989 Commitments:		
Bennett's Bay Addition	Clarendon	\$ 80,000
Cartwheel Bay Addition	Horry	145,000
Flat Creek Addition (Byrd)	Lancaster	155,000
Fish Haul Creek	Beaufort	100,000
Sandhills Bay	Clarendon	159,000
Lewis Ocean Bay	Horry	3,049,000
Dargan Property Addition	Marion	25,000
Hoyt-Cooke & Wall Trust	Lancaster	400,000
Stevens Creek Addition	McCormick	97,000
Woods Bay Addition II	Clarendon/Sumter	110,000

	TOTAL	\$ 4,403,000

Reserved Approp. Sav. R. Bluffs	\$ 195,000
Approx. Jan. 1989 Cash Balance:	\$ 2,314,000
Anticipated Revenue in 1989	\$ 1,960,000

Total Cash Available in 1989	\$ 4,469,000

Projected Year End Balance: \$ 66,000

Approved Expenditures--No Time Frame

Dukes Bay	Hampton	\$ 363,000
Long Branch Bay	Barnwell	80,000
Savannah River Bluffs Add'n	Aiken	332,000
York Subdivision Outcrop	York	13,000
Branchville Bay	Orangeburg	50,000
Dalzell Bay	Sumter	50,000
Halfway Gut Branch Bay	Dorchester	30,000
Reevesville Bay	Dorchester	20,000
Bunched Arrowhead II	Greenville	3,000
Little Pee Dee St. Pk. Bay	Dillon	80,000

TOTAL \$ 1,021,000