

Minutes
Heritage Trust Advisory Board
Friday, June 1, 1990, 10:00 AM
Richardson Plantation, Green Pond, SC

Members Present

Dr. Sid Gauthreaux (Chairman)
Dr. Wade Batson
Mr. Joe Watson
Mr. Hugh Ryan
Mr. Michael Ray
Ms. Wendy Parks
Mr. Steve Smith
Mr. Ed Drane
Mr. Brock Conrad (for Chuck Compton)
Dr. Jim Timmerman
Mr. Wallace Pate
Ms. Mary Edmonds

Members Absent

Mrs. Claudette Cureton
Mr. Stephen DuBose
Representative Malloy McEachin
Senator Nell Smith
Mr. Ed Burgess

Others Present

Mr. Stuart Greeter
Mr. Bobby Ellis
Mr. Pat Ferral
Mr. Coy Johnston
Mrs. Debi Hursey
Mr. Antony Merck
Mr. Ron Diegel
Ms. Linda Lundquist
Mr. John Cely
Mr. Dan Johnson
Mr. Phil Wilkinson
Mrs. A.W. Spaulding
Mr. Michael Prevost
Mrs. Sally Murphy
Mr. Johnny Hiers
Ms. Jean Burns
Ms. Mary Strayer
Mr. Billy McTeer
Mr. John Frampton
Mr. Steve Bennett
Mr. Bob Campbell
Mr. Christopher Judge
Mr. Robert Bacon
Mr. Tom Kohlsaat

Chairman Gauthreaux called the June 1 meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board (HTAB) to order at 10:00 AM at Richardson Plantation in Green Pond. Chairman Gauthreaux introduced Wallace Pate, Hugh Ryan, Chris Judge and Wendy Parks and welcomed them to the HTAB meeting.

The minutes to the February 1 meeting were approved as presented.

ACE Basin Overview

Mr. Tom Kohlsaat gave a brief summary of the Special HTAB meeting on April 19 at which the ACE basin project was considered. Tom discussed questions the HTAB had discussed in that meeting. He noted that the Richardson Plantation may be the most

significant properties in the ACE Basin. He discussed several ways to protect the ACE including conservation easements or purchasing various properties.

Chairman Gauthreaux recognized Dr. Timmerman. Dr. Timmerman briefed the Board on development of the Wildlife Department since its initiation. He noted the ACE Basin is a project for all to get involved in, i.e. Ducks Unlimited, South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources (SCWMRD), The Nature Conservancy (TNC), National Wetlands Foundation, etc. Dr. Timmerman noted that the ACE Basin has the most national attention and public support of any project we have ever been involved in. He also noted that preservation for our future generations depends on what is done now. He noted that someday, someone will recognize the foresight of all the organizations involved in the ACE and will be glad it was protected.

Dr. Timmerman recognized Mr. John Frampton who discussed the significance of the entire ACE Basin. Mr. Frampton reiterated the ACE Basin concept and explained that the Richardson property lies in the heart of the ACE. He also noted that due to the property's accessibility we would have to move quickly to protect it.

Mr. Frampton showed the Advisory Board a video that has been put together to help explain the significance of the entire ACE Basin.

Mr. Frampton also explained in detail the involvement of other agencies, i.e. Ducks Unlimited, etc., in protecting the ACE. He detailed the uses of the property, whether it be for ducks, wood storks, etc. He also noted the ecological diversity of the area.

Mr. Frampton noted that several properties in the ACE have been purchased and protected. The main goal of all parties involved is to protect the ACE, whether through Conservation Easements, purchase, etc. He also discussed the financial obligations of all parties involved in detail. He stressed the need to deter extensive development, maintain traditional uses, and maintain public access.

Mr. Frampton introduced Mr. Coy Johnston of Ducks Unlimited (DU). Mr. Johnston explained DU's involvement in the ACE. He stressed the need for waterfowl habitat, i.e. wetlands. He noted that this area must be acted on quickly in order to protect it from development.

Natural Areas Committee

Dr. Wade Batson reported on the Natural Areas Committee meeting. He recommended protection for Ashe, Beet, Big, Boler and Warren Islands under the National Estuarine Research Reserve program within the ACE. The islands are currently owned by The Nature Conservancy and the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation.

Mr. Steve Bennett noted that Big, Boler and Warren Islands have been timbered, but they are recoverable. A motion was made and approved to accept these islands as protection projects.

Mrs. Sally Murphy reported on the Richardson Plantation. She noted that the 400 acre Longleaf pine stand would possibly be a site for Red-cockaded Woodpecker reintroduction. She also noted that this site had the largest concentration of Wood Storks in the state last year. A motion was made and approved to accept Richardson Plantation as a protection project.

Cultural Areas Committee

Mr. Ed Drane reported on Green's Shell Ring on Hilton Head. The last appraisal came in at a lower amount than the previous appraisal. Based on this approval, a motion was made and approved to reduce the amount of funds allocated to Greens Shell Ring from \$100,000 to \$85,000.

Mr. Stuart Greeter reported on the Snee Farm dedication. He noted that a survey of the back 11 acres of the property has been completed. The property will be transferred to the Park Service and will remain undedicated. Our 25% interest will be transferred to the Park Service, but will contain a reverter that if the Park Service ever ceases to use the property as a park we will regain our interest of the property.

Mr. Drane recognized Mr. Steve Smith. Mr. Smith introduced Mr. Chris Judge who will be carrying out the approved Cultural Areas Protection Plan. Mr. Judge will inventory and rank cultural areas sites. Mr. Smith noted that there are 14,000 recorded sites of which 400 will receive immediate attention. The sites will be ranked on 5 levels: rarity, threat, integrity, potential and educational value.

Comments from the Executive Director

Dr. Timmerman noted that the state budget was discussed and natural resource agencies fell to the bottom of the list. He stressed that we need to carry our message to the public and be recognized as a legitimate need for funding.

Protection Projects

Ms. Linda Lundquist reported that TNC recently closed on the Orr property. This property will be transferred to the Heritage Trust Program.

She also noted that a survey and an environmental assessment have been done on an addition to Bennetts Bay.

Ms. Lundquist stressed the need to handle transfers of property from TNC to the Heritage Trust Program by participating in joint press releases.

Ms. Lundquist noted that The Nature Conservancy has a contract to purchase Waccamaw Bridges. She will keep the Board posted on any new developments.

Chairman Gauthreaux recognized and welcomed Mr. Tony Merck, who is a member of The Nature Conservancy Board, to the Board meeting.

Mr. Greeter thanked Ms. Lundquist for the efforts toward joint press releases. He noted it will help the relationship between The Nature Conservancy and the Heritage Trust Program.

Mr. Greeter noted that 65 acres in Pickens County, known as Glassy Mountain, have been purchased. The remaining 20 to 25 acres should be purchased this year, completing the project.

Mr. Greeter noted that an additional 45 acres at Woods Bay State Park have been purchased. The addition is immediately adjacent to park headquarters. Stuart noted that the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department is sharing the cost of the property with Heritage Trust. Mr. Greeter stressed the importance of these additions. He noted that Woods Bay is a highly ranked and very significant Carolina bay.

Other Business

Mr. Kohlsaat presented a brief summary of the Strategic Planning meeting on April 10. He noted the progress that Heritage Trust has made since its inception and how much further it will have to go. He recognized the growth, financial and organizational problems the strategic planning process is designed to evaluate and eventually solve.

A motion was made and passed to go into executive session to discuss the Budget Committees report.

Upon return to open session, a motion was made and approved to accept the budget as presented. A copy of the budget is attached to the minutes on file.

Chairman Gauthreaux noted the next meeting will be on August 11 in the upstate, possibly Glassy Mountain. There will be a field trip on Thursday, a social on Thursday night and the meeting on Friday.

The meeting was adjourned.

Heritage Land Trust Fund Budget Summary for 1990

Date: 5-30-90

Project Name	County	Expenditure*
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1990 Expenditures		
Glassy Mountain	Pickens	111,000
Woods Bay Addition II	Sumter	23,000
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		134,000
1990 Commitments		
Bennett's Bay Addition	Clarendon	220,000
Cartwheel Bay Addition	Horry	145,000
Green's Shell Ring	Beaufort	100,000
Sandhills Bay	Clarendon	159,000
Woods Bay Addition II	Clarendon/Sumter	87,000
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
Tilghman Addition	Marion	7,000
Glassy Mountain	Pickens	59,000
Lewis Ocean Bay Addition	Horry	793,000
Flat Creek Addn. (Hancock)	Lancaster	88,000
Bunched Arrowhead Addition-Orr	Greenville	7,000
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
Lewis Ocean Bay H.P. Gates	Horry	4,000
Flat Creek H.P. Gates/Roadwork	Lancaster	1,000
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		2,535,000
Proposed Additions to the Budget:		
Dargan Addition II	Marion	279,000
Ashe, Beet, Warren, Big & Boler	Colleton	68,000
Savage Bay Addition II	Kershaw	27,000
Hazel Lake	Aiken	939,000
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		1,313,000
Reserved Approp. Sav. R. Bluffs	195,000	
Approx. Cash Avail. Jan. 1990	1,555,000	
Anticipated Revenue in 1990	2,240,000	
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Approx. Cash Avail. End 1990	3,990,000	
Projected End 1990 Balance		8,000

* All expenditures meet State accounting approvals and standards.

Approved Expenditures--No Time Frame

Dukes Bay	Hampton	363,000
Long Branch Bay	Barnwell	80,000
Savannah River Bluffs Add'n	Aiken	332,000
Branchville Bay	Orangeburg	50,000
Dalzell Bay	Sumter	50,000
Halfway Gut Branch Bay	Dorchester	30,000
Reevesville Bay	Dorchester	20,000
Little Pee Dee St. Pk. Bay	Dillon	80,000
Fish Haul Creek	Beaufort	100,000
York Subdivision	York	30,000
Barton Bay	Allendale	255,000

TOTAL 1,390,000

Heritage Land Trust Fund Budget Summary for 1990
August, 1990

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1990 Expenditures		
Glassy Mountain	Pickens	\$ 111,000
Woods Bay Addition II	Sumter	23,000
Tilghman Addition	Marion	7,000
Bunched Arrowhead Addition (Orr)	Greenville	7,000
Bunched Arrowhead H.P. Parking	Greenville	<u>26,000</u>
		\$ 174,000
1990 Commitments		
Bennetts Bay Addition	Clarendon	220,000
Cartwheel Bay Addition	Horry	145,000
Greens Shell Ring	Beaufort	85,000
Sandhills Bay	Clarendon	159,000
Chandler Addition II	Greenville (-78,000)	290,000
Saluda County Highponds	Saluda	54,000
Mount Pleasant Church Bay	Lee	82,000
Waccamaw Bridges	Horry	270,000
Lewis Ocean Bay Addition	Horry	793,000
Dargan Addition II	Marion	279,000
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Lewis Ocean Bay H.P. Gates	Horry	4,000
Flat Creek H.P. Gates/Road Work	Lancaster (+ 1,000)	<u>2,000</u>
		\$3,482,000
Proposed Additions to the Budget:		
Ashmore Addition II	Greenville	68,000
Windmill Highpond	Aiken	29,000
Milford Plantation Appraisal	Sumter	<u>10,000</u>
		\$107,000
Reserved Approp. Savannah River Bluffs	195,000	
Approx. Cash Available January 1990	1,555,000	
Anticipated Revenue in 1990	<u>2,240,000</u>	
	3,990,000	
Projected End 1990 Balance		\$227,000

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Approved Expenditures - No Time Frame

Dukes Bay
Long Branch Bay
Savannah River Bluffs Addition
Branchville Bay
Dalzell Bay
Halfway Gut Branch Bay
Reevesville Bay
Little Pee Dee State Park Bay
Fish Haul Creek
York Subdivision
Barton Bay

Hampton	\$ 363,000
Barnwell	80,000
Aiken	332,000
Orangeburg	50,000
Sumter	50,000
Dorchester	30,000
Dorchester	20,000
Dillon	80,000
Beaufort	100,000
York	30,000
Allendale	<u>255,000</u>
	\$1,390,000