

S. C. Heritage Trust Advisory Board
Tentative Business Meeting Agenda
Dutch Plaza, Columbia
10:00 a.m. - June 5, 1980

- I. Approval of the Minutes of the March 6 meeting

- II. Consideration of registration agreements
 - A. Wildcate Wayside Park
 - B. Cheraw State Park
 - C. Table Rock State Park
 - D. Bird Island

- III. Update on protection projects and other old business
 - A. Thomas Heyward Burial Site
 - B. Sagittaria fasciculata
 - C. Active Bald Eagle nests
 - D. Questions on the Quarterly Status Report
 - E. The Mountain Bridge project
 - F. The S. C. Heritage Trust five-year review
 - G. Flagg & Grove Plantation
 - H. The Archaeological Conservancy

- IV. New protection project proposals
 - A. Buist game management area
 - B. Boggs Rock
 - C. Peachtree Rock

MINUTES
SOUTH CAROLINA HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD
Thursday, June 5, 1980 - 10:00 a.m.
Dutch Plaza - Columbia, S. C.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Walter T. Ahearn
(Representing Mr. Leonard Kilian)
Dr. Wade T. Batson
Mrs. Ethel Jane Bunting, Vice Chairman
Mr. Ed Burgess
(Representing Mr. Robert Leak)
Mrs. Claudette Cureton
Mr. Philip Edwards
Mrs. Christie Fant
(Representing Mr. Charles Lee)
Dr. Sid Gauthreaux
Mr. Tom Kohlsaatt
(Representing Dr. James A. Timmerman)
Mr. Rudy Mancke
(Representing Mr. David Sennema)
Dr. Robert L. Stephenson
Mr. Pat Walker
(Representing Mr. John Parris)
Mr. Ben Williamson, Chairman

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Mr. Samuel P. Boykin
Mr. Fred P. Brinkman
Rep. Sam Manning
State Senator (vacant)

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Steve Bennett, Heritage Staff
Mr. Stuart Greeter, Heritage Staff
Ms. Jan Mewborn, Heritage Staff
Mr. Jim Sorrow, Heritage Staff
Dr. Doug Rayner

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Williamson.

Chairman Williamson welcomed Mrs. Claudette Cureton a newly appointed Advisory Board Member representing District 4, Greenville County. Mrs. Cureton is a Biology Teacher at Greenville Tech. Term of membership 3/11/80-12/14/85.

MINUTES were approved with the following addition: A Committee was appointed consisting of Dr. Gauthreaux as Chairman, Mrs. Bunting, Dr. Stephenson, and Mr. Ahearn to work on the five-year plan. Mr. Ahearn suggested that the staff organize a presentation on the five-year plan for the next meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF REGISTRATION AGREEMENTS

Stuart Greeter discussed the following projects for consideration by the Board:

Wildcat Wayside Park - 18 acres located in Greenville County owned by PRT and containing the endangered Sarracenia rubra var. jonesii and other threatened plant species.

Cheraw State Park - 11 acres located in Chesterfield County, three owned by PRT and containing the endangered Hudsonia ericoides and two other threatened plant species.

Table Rock State Park - 1,997 acres located in Pickens County, owned by PRT and containing thirteen threatened plant species and two threatened animal species.

Bird Island - 11.5 acres located in Berkeley County. The island is one of the largest and oldest inland wading bird rookeries in South Carolina. Hunting will be permitted under present conditions during the non-nesting season.

Mr. Mancke made a motion to approve registration of parts of the three state parks, and all of Bird Island. Mrs. Bunting seconded the motion and the Board approved the registration agreements for submission to the Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission.

PROTECTION PROJECTS

Stuart Greeter reported on the following projects:

Thomas Heyward Burial Site - 3.4 acres located in Jasper County. A ceremony was held on May 17, transferring the land from the Thomas Heyward Trust to Jasper County. At the ceremony the S. C. Coastal Council awarded to the County a grant of approximately \$60,000 for park facilities and clean-up. The County has agreed to donate an easement to the Heritage Trust in the future.

Sagittaria fasciculata - officially listed as a federal endangered species. The only natural populations in existence are located in Greenville County. Three property owners have been contacted: Mrs. Rose Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Nalley, and Furman University. At this point the registration that looks most promising is Mrs. Coleman's; hopefully we will have the Registration Agreement to be considered at the next meeting.

Active Bald Eagle Nests - Property ownership information on Active Bald Eagle nests has been obtained and staff will be contacting landowners regarding registration of the nests. Staff may contact various advisory board members in the future for assistance; hopefully we will have a Registration Agreement to be considered at the next meeting.

Quarterly Status Report - The quarterly status report was reviewed with the following typing changes: 2) Camassia Flats acquired in 1979. 17) Chandler Bridge Formation, under "Status", "Developing proposals acceptable to landowners". 22) Greenville State Park should be Wildcat Wayside Park.

Mountain Bridge - Application for the Watson Tract will not be submitted because the HCERS funds have been frozen. However, the Wildlife Department and PRT are in the process of submitting a proposal for the Secretary of the Interior's Contingency Funds in the amount of \$3.4 million for the entire Mountain Bridge area (7,900 acres). The grant proposal is being coordinated with and supported by the Governor's Office.

S. C. Heritage Trust Five-Year Review - It was suggested that the review committee get together after the meeting to discuss the five-year review. Mr. Kohlsaas suggested analyzing what the Heritage Trust policy is. After some discussion, Dr. Gauthreaux made a motion to endorse the request of the Five-year Review Committee and staff recommendation for an unbiased consultant to examine Heritage Trust policy to date with the consultant to be given some directive from the ad hoc committee and make a report to the Advisory Board.

Flagg & Grove Plantation - Dr. Stephenson will give a report at the next meeting.

The Archaeological Conservancy - Dr. Stephenson distributed an article from the JOURNAL OF FIELD ARCHAEOLOGY to bring to the Board's attention a proposal for an Archaeological Conservancy, which is patterned after The Nature Conservancy. The article explains the background and objectives of the project. Dr. Stephenson reported that the Archaeological Conservancy has its basic funding and is ready to move on preserving archaeological sites.

Victoria Bluff - Tom Kohlsaas reported that the State now owns Victoria Bluff and that a proposal for dedicating a portion of the property is in preparation. He also reported that the Beaufort County School Board has submitted a request to the Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission for approximately 50 acres on which to build a school. Mr.

Kohlsaatt explained that the school would interfere with the Department's planned hunting program and possibly with management of the property as a natural area. Several comments were made to the effect that provision for public hunting is not a concern of the Heritage Trust except as it relates to controlling the deer population and that other land at this site has been reserved for various uses in the past. Mrs. Fant moved that the Board make a statement to the Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission at their June 13 meeting as follows:

Since Victoria Bluff has been under consideration for dedication under the Heritage Trust, the Board would appreciate the Wildlife Commission's not making a decision until the Board has had time to study detailed information on size and location information from the school board on what the project is and what its impact will be.

Dr. Gauthreaux seconded the motion and the Board approved.

NEW PROTECTION PROJECT PROPOSALS

Dr. Rayner reported on the significance of the following areas proposed to be added to the list of approved projects:

Buist Tract - 4,000 to 5,000 acres located in Horry County. Unique because it holds the best areas of Venus fly trap in South Carolina and has a good population of Black Bear. A preserve of this size is necessary if the Black Bear is to survive in the coastal plain.

Boggs Rock - 25-30 acres located in Pickens County. May be the only outcrop on which Aster avitus, an endangered plant species, still occurs.

Peach Tree Rock - ca. 300 acres located in Lexington County. A statewide survey for sandstone outcrops was completed and it was determined that Peach Tree Rock was the best of its type in South Carolina.

Dr. Batson moved that the Buist Tract, Boggs Rock and Peach Tree Rock be approved for addition to the list of approved projects. Mr. Mancke seconded the motion and the Board approved.

ENDANGERED SPECIES COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

Mr. Kohlsaatt presented a list of 14 plant species which had been negotiated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as one step in the process of qualifying for a cooperative agreement under the Endangered Species Act. Under the cooperative agreement, the Wildlife Department would be eligible for financial assistance to do inventory work on the 14 species. Approval of the Board is necessary to demonstrate public participation in developing the list of plants.

Mr. Mancke made a motion that the Board accept the plant list developed by staff and to learn as much as we can about these 14 plants. Dr. Batson seconded the motion and the Board approved.

FUNDING REVIEW COMMITTEE

For the Board's information, Mr. Kohlsaas reported that the Wildlife Department was taking a close look at its entire funding situation and has convened a committee to look into the possibilities of new funding sources. There is a subcommittee looking at non-consumptive programs, land acquisition and management which are also of interest to the Advisory Board's Five-year Review Committee.

PRESENTATION TO WILDLIFE COMMISSION

The Wildlife Commission has asked the Heritage Trust Advisory Board to give a presentation at the next Commission meeting on June 13. Dr. Batson agreed to give this presentation along with Mr. Burgess.

CULTURAL

Mr. Williamson suggested that it would be a good idea to have time on the agenda at every meeting to discuss the status of cultural projects.

Auldbrass - Mrs. Fant reported that the Archives & History Department has recommended that Westvaco give the property to the National Trust, or to sell to a private owner subject to easements or restrictive covenants. No action has been taken.

Ashley River Road - Mrs. Fant reported that the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Regional Planning Council is working on suggested plans for the use of the area and how to protect it. They are still working on obtaining easements. Stuart Greeter is working with the National Trust and is waiting to hear further word from them.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.