

**Minutes**  
**Heritage Trust Advisory Board**  
**May 15, 1997**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**

Members Present

Dr. Terry Ferguson (Chair)  
Dr. Julius Leary  
Mr. Bruce Sahlman  
Mr. Jon Leader  
Mr. Rodger Stroup  
Mr. Joe Mills  
Mr. Cary Chamlee  
Mr. Corky Lee  
Dr. James Timmerman  
Mr. Fritz Hamer

Others Present

Mr. Tom Kohlsaatt  
Mr. Stuart Greeter  
Mr. Steve Bennett  
Mr. Johnny Stowe  
Mr. Chris Judge  
Mr. Ken Prosser  
Mr. Greg Lucas  
Dr. Paul Sandifer  
Dr. George Sawyer  
Mr. Mike Welch  
Ms. Mary Edmonds  
Mr. Brock Conrad

Members Absent

Mr. Michael Todd Smith  
Mr. Jack Lunn  
Mr. Tony Mercl  
Mr. Dick Scott, III  
Ms. Grace Young

Dr. Ferguson called the role and introduced Rodger Stroup as the new Director of the Department of Archives and History. He also recognized Dr. George Sawyer, Director of Kalmia Gardens and Mike Welch, Public Works Director for the City of Hartsville.

Approval of February 20 Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the February 20, 1997 Heritage Trust Advisory Board (HTAB) meeting. The motion was approved.

Other Business

Dr. Ferguson announced that Whit Gibbons and John Dean had completed their HTAB terms. In honor of their service, he announced that each would receive an engraved plaque. Dr. Ferguson noted the program's accomplishments during their terms and stressed the need for continued involvement of practicing scientists on the board. He added that both have agreed to stay involved with the Natural Areas Committee.

Next, Dr. Ferguson said he would appoint a Nominating Committee to elect a new HTAB Vice-Chair. He announced that the committee would be composed of Dr. Timmerman, Dr. Rippeteau and himself. As an agenda item for the next meeting, Dr. Ferguson stated that Chairs for the Natural Areas Committee and Cultural Areas Committee would also be appointed. He instructed each committee to give him recommendations for these positions. Further, he encouraged all HTAB members to participate on the Natural Areas, Cultural Areas or Budget Committees.

Finally, Dr. Ferguson introduced Paul Sandifer as Dr. Timmerman's successor as DNR Director.

#### Comments from the Director

Dr. Timmerman announced that this would be his last official meeting with the board. He said that Paul Sandifer would do a splendid job and be a good coworker with Heritage Trust.

Concerning the budget process, Dr. Timmerman said he was trying to secure additional funding for the section. Although a request of \$300,000 was initially made, he said there is currently \$100,000 in the House budget and a proviso for a \$100,000 recurring appropriation in the Senate. To boost revenue, Dr. Timmerman said we should increase advertising for the endangered species license plate.

Next, Dr. Timmerman reported that the House and Senate have approved the state bonding bill, which contains \$10 million for the Jocassee Gorges project. Once this project is funded, Dr. Timmerman said the next step would be to set up a trust fund of \$6 to \$8 million. He added that the interest from the fund will be used to manage the property.

In closing, Dr. Timmerman thanked HTAB members for their service and noted that he was impressed with the number of land acquisitions and the value of property donations during his tenure. Dr. Ferguson expressed the board's appreciation to Dr. Timmerman.

Finally, Dr. Ferguson distributed copies of a Charlotte Observer article about the Jocassee Gorges project.

#### Natural Areas Committee

Dr. Ferguson reported that six items came before the Committee.

1) Segars-McKinnon HP Addition: A 78-acre addition to a 614-acre preserve. Stuart Greeter gave a slide presentation of the area and said it contained a longleaf pine sandhills plant community and several other rare elements. He reminded members that Kalmia Gardens serves as the access point for the preserve. Stuart said acquisition of this property would be expensive because of its proximity to the City of Hartsville and its development potential. He added that there is a large amount of public support for the project; individuals donated most of the property comprising the preserve.

Dr. George Sawyer expressed Kalmia Gardens' support for the project. Mike Welch, speaking for the Hartsville city manager and city council, also expressed support for the project.

After some discussion, Stuart said the committee recommended approval of the project as an addition to the budget.

2) Bird Mountain: A 60-acre monadnock in Spartanburg County. Steve Bennett reported that this mountainous area was registered as a heritage site in 1988. Recently, he said the owners requested an extended level of protection in a conservation easement. He stated the committee recommends approval of a conservation easement. A motion was made and seconded to obtain a conservation easement on Bird Mountain. The motion was approved.

3) Big Pine Tree Creek: The locale of one of the rarest fish in the state, the Carolina Pygmy Sunfish. Steve described the area as between Goodale State Park and Hermitage Mill Pond near Camden. He stated that this is the only location in the Fall Line Sandhills found to contain the Carolina Pygmy Sunfish. A motion was made and seconded to establish Big Pine Tree Creek as a protection project. The motion was approved.

4) Tillman Savanna: A subset of the larger Okeetee Savanna Complex in Jasper County, which is Heritage Trust's second ranked large areas project. Steve identified the site as a small savanna complex that may be in private ownership. He showed slides of the area and said it contained many rare elements worthy of protection. A motion was made and seconded to establish Tillman Savanna as a protection project. The motion was approved.

5) Janet Harrison Highpond HP Management Plan: A 30-acre preserve in Aiken County. Johnny Stowe stated that the committee had discussed the plan and recommends its approval. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Janet Harrison Highpond management plan. The motion was approved.

6) Ashmore HP Management Plan: Johnny briefly explained that we acquired this preserve to protect the mountain sweet pitcher plant. He added that the committee had discussed the plan and recommends its approval. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Ashmore management plan. The motion was approved.

#### Cultural Areas Committee

Mary Edmonds reported they had no items requiring board approval. However, Mary said two projects would require budget adjustments that will be discussed in Executive Session. She also invited everyone to the dedication ceremony for the Fort Lamar Heritage Preserve on June 16, 1997.

#### Budget Committee

HTAB entered executive session and Stuart presented the budget. HTAB returned to a regular session and voted to approve the budget.

The next HTAB meeting is August 28, 1997.

Adjourn.

"PROPOSED"

Heritage Land Trust Fund Approved Expenditures: April 14, 1997

Approx. January 1, 1997 Cash Balance:	987,516
Revenues Expected by December 30, 1997:	2,100,000
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	3,087,516

Property Acquisitions:

*Daws Island(C)	Beaufort	(369,000)
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		(369,000)

Other Expenditures:

Preserve Management	Statewide	(200,000)
Capital Improvements	Statewide	(222,000)
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		(422,000)

Total Cash Available in 1997:		<hr/> <hr/>
		2,296,516

Less Commitments:

Hitchcock Woods(N/C)	Aiken	(6,000)
B. F. Landrum(C)	Aiken	<del>(106,000)</del> <i>162,000</i>
Watson HP Addn. (N)	Greenville	(13,000)
Crescent Resources-Tract 2(N)	Pickens	(22,000)
Peters Creek(N)	Spartanburg	(219,000)
North Williman Is. (N)	Beaufort	(14,000)
Fort Frederick(C)	Beaufort	(43,000)
*Congaree Creek(C)	Lexington	(350,000)
Nanny's Mountain(N)	York	(100,000)
Aiken Gopher Tortoise HP Addn. (N)	Aiken	(292,000)
LPD River-Woodbury(N)	Marion	(1,500,000)
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		(2,665,000)

Proposed Additions (5-15-97):

B F Landrum Increase(C)	Aiken	(2,500)
Fort Frederick Increase(C)	Beaufort	(5,000)
Segars/Mckinnon HP Addn. (N)	Darlington	(217,000)
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		(224,500)

CURRENT ESTIMATED BALANCE ON January 1, 1998	<hr/> <hr/>	(592,984)
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(N) Natural Areas Project  
(C) Cultural Areas Project

\*Grant proposal pending

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Approved Expenditures - No Time Frame:

Dukes Bay(N)	Hampton	363,000
Long Branch Bay(N)	Barnwell	80,000
Savannah River Bluffs Addn.(N)	Aiken	332,000
York Subdivision Outcrop(N)	York	30,000
Branchville Bay(N)	Orangeburg	50,000
Dalzell Bay(N)	Sumter	50,000
Halfway Gut Branch Bay(N)	Dorchester	30,000
Reevesville Bay(N)	Dorchester	20,000
Barton Bay(N)	Allendale	255,000
Mt. Pleasant Church Bay(N)	Lee	82,000
Hazel Lake(N)	Aiken	939,000
Sandhills Bay(N)	Clarendon	159,000
Saluda County Highponds(N)	Saluda	54,000
Cartwheel Bay Addn.(N)	Horry	145,000
Glassy Mountain Addn.(N)	Pickens	395,000
Henderson HP Addn.-Boyleston(N)	Aiken	57,000
LPDHP Addn.-White(N)	Horry	48,000
Cathedral Bay Addn.(N)	Bamberg	44,000
Ford's Shell Ring(C)	Beaufort	397,000
Mitchelville(C)	Beaufort	750,000
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	TOTAL:	(4,843,984)

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