

MINUTES  
HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
MAY 30, 1991, COLUMBIA, SC

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Bruce Rippeteau (Acting Chairman)  
Mr. Anthony Merck  
Mr. Jim Crawford  
Dr. George Vogt  
Dr. Wade Batson  
Ms. Claudette Cureton  
Mr. Joe F. Watson  
Mr. Ed Drane  
Ms. Wendy S. Parks  
Mr. Dean Carson (for Hugh Ryan)  
Dr. Jim Timmerman

MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Nell Smith  
Representative Robert Barber  
Dr. Whitt Gibbons  
Mr. Michael Ray  
Mr. Ed Burgess  
Mr. Chuck Compton

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Tom Kohlsaas  
Mr. Stuart Greeter  
Mr. Steve Smith  
Mr. Steve Bennett  
Mr. John Nelson  
Mr. David Koon  
Mr. John Cely  
Ms. Susan McGahee  
Ms. Mary W. Edmonds  
Ms. Nancy Brock  
Mr. James Inot  
Mr. Charlie Hall  
Mr. Ian Hill  
Mr. Lee Tippet  
Ms. Chloe Mercer  
Mr. Tom Shaw  
Mr. Leighton McLendon  
Mr. Greg Lucas

Chairman Rippeteau opened the May 30 Heritage Trust Advisory Board (HTAB) meeting at the Rembert Dennis Building in Columbia. Everyone present was introduced and the minutes to the March 1 Advisory Board meeting were approved. Chairman Rippeteau mentioned that the last HTAB meeting in Charleston and trip to Medway Plantation were enjoyable and thanked everyone involved with planning that. The joint TNC/HTAB barbecue, hosted by Dallan Weathers, was a great success. Outgoing Chairman Gauthreaux was presented with a plaque and a resolution thanking him for his years of service on the Heritage Trust Advisory Board. Dr. Rippeteau noted the most recent issue of The Transect and articles on the Heritage Trust Program that had appeared in various newspapers.

Cultural Areas Committee

Ed Drane reported that the statewide archaeological assessment had been completed and Steve Smith passed out a summary of that assessment. Chris Judge presented a slide show and outlined the criteria that were considered in ranking various archaeological sites. The final report will be completed in August and we can then look into protecting some of the most important archaeological sites on the list. Chris Judge presented Stuart Greeter with a list of the 100 most important archaeological sites in South Carolina out of a list of 13,000.

Ed Drane reported that the Cultural Areas Committee would like to request \$30,000 from the Heritage Land Trust Fund budget to continue work on protecting archaeological sites for one more year. Chairman Rippeteau indicated we would discuss this in more detail when the Heritage Land Trust Fund budget was presented.

A motion was made and adopted to accept the report on the statewide assessment of cultural sites.

Ed Drane reported that a meeting was held to discuss the management plan for the Greens Shell Ring property on Hilton Head Island. A draft management plan has been developed and a final will hopefully be available to present to the Heritage Trust Advisory Board at their next meeting. Ed Drane indicated that there may be a need to spend additional money for access facilities at Greens Shell Ring.

#### Natural Areas Committee

Dr. Wade Batson asked John Nelson to pass around an article on the rare sunflower in York County. Dr. Batson asked Steve Bennett to summarize the projects that were discussed in the Natural Areas Committee meeting. Steve described the ongoing survey for rare plants and animals at Fort Jackson, the acquisition plan being developed for the Little Pee Dee large area, the potential for future research at Richardson Plantation, and the Longleaf Pine Ecosystem Conference being held at Tall Timbers Experiment Station.

#### Budget Committee

Chairman Rippeteau reported that the Budget Committee had met in Senator Nell Smith's office and those present included Senator Smith, Representative Barber, Dr. Timmerman, Tom Kohlsaas, Stuart Greeter, and Dr. Rippeteau. Stuart Greeter presented the list of Heritage Land Trust Fund approved expenditures. He explained that in calendar year 1991 revenues have totaled approximately \$815,000 and expenditures have totaled approximately \$445,000. He showed that total approved expenditures currently amount to \$3,576,000. The Board will be asked to add six projects to the approved expenditures list. Mr. Greeter suggested that those acquisitions be discussed in detail in Executive Session. A motion was made and approved that the Board discuss the details of the budget and proposed property acquisitions in Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

#### Comments from the Executive Director

Dr. Timmerman reported that the outlook for the Department budget is poor and he has been forced to hold 28 state agency positions vacant and give back 8 other positions. Dr. Timmerman recommends blending the distinction between game and nongame programs and sell the need for Department growth with the overall objective of wildlife conservation and protection. Dr. Timmerman said he reported to the Governor's Task Force on what the Wildlife Department does and what its needs are. The Task Force will use that information in

developing a proposed reorganization for natural resource agencies. He hopes that protection of habitat will be one of the more important elements the Task Force considers in its proposal.

Dr. Timmerman reported that the Wildlife Department may get \$10 million from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers as mitigation for land lost at Lake Russell. That money may be used to acquire "ecological preserves."

#### Protection Projects Update

Stuart Greeter said that since the last HTAB meeting the Wildlife Department has acquired the 453 acre Waccamaw Bridges property in Horry County and had dedicated Deveaux Bank in Charleston County. Before the end of the 1991 calendar year the Department should acquire the Little Pee Dee (Ward) property and four islands in the lower ACE Basin. We are also working on acquiring an addition to Stevens Creek, an addition to Glassy Mountain, a bunched arrowhead site in Travelers Rest, and a conservation easement on Medway Plantation. Stuart Greeter commended Greg Lucas and other staff members for their fine work on news releases and publicizing the Heritage Trust Program.

#### Strategic Planning Committee Update

Tom Kohlsaas reported that the Strategic Planning Committee had met and the results of the WOTS survey had been compiled. The two biggest concerns were program funding and status of the program within the Wildlife Department. Mr. Kohlsaas reported that the program seems to have tremendous public support and we should take advantage of that. The biological scorecard indicates that 160 vertebrate species in South Carolina could be endangered and we are doing nothing about that because of a lack of funding. At a minimum, we need to protect 250,000 acres of land per year. To do that, we must increase land acquisition funds and get other groups involved in protection partnerships. We need to work on strategies to: 1) increase land acquisition funding; 2) get other groups involved in protection partnerships; 3) get outside help on research and surveys; 4) abolish the term nongame in deference to a holistic approach to wildlife conservation, and; 5) meet our cultural protection goals under the Heritage Trust Program. The Strategic Planning Committee will meet in June to discuss these issues further.

#### Legislative Initiatives

Stuart Greeter passed out copies of H-3827 which was introduced by Representative Robert Barber and is currently in the Highway Subcommittee. Stuart Greeter explained the proposed legislation and noted that Board members may be contacted for support in the future. Stuart Greeter pointed out that a number of conservation groups already support this legislation.

### HTAB Chairmanship

Chairman Rippeteau reviewed a letter whereby he appointed Wade Batson, Claudette Curreton, George Vogt and James Timmerman to a Nominating Committee. Dr. Rippeteau asked that committee to develop a list of potential candidates by the November HTAB meeting for election at the February 19, 1992 meeting, in conformance with the HTAB Bylaws.

### Other Business

Dr. Vogt noted that this would be Steve Smith's last HTAB meeting and thanked him for his past efforts and support.

The Board passed a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss potential property acquisitions. Following the Executive Session the Board passed a motion adopting the list of Heritage Trust Fund approved expenditures, with six additions, and the Heritage Trust Fund priority budget, which is attached to the minutes on file. The six additions to the approved expenditures list include the Black Creek property, the Great Pee Dee River (McCall), the Savage Bay Addition (McPhatter), Stevens Creek Addition (FPV), the Little Pee Dee River Addition (GP), and the statewide archaeological survey.

The Board passed a motion to add an item to the agenda of the next HTAB meeting to discuss the potential alternatives for thanking those groups or individuals who donate property or conservation easements for protection under the program.

The 150 acre boat plant property adjacent to Victoria Bluff was discussed. It was agreed that the Natural Areas Committee should consider that property as a potential protection project and report to the Board on the outcome at the HTAB meeting.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 15 in Columbia.

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## HERITAGE LAND TRUST FUND APPROVED EXPENDITURES

5/28/91

Project Name	County	Expenditure
<b>1991 Expenditures</b>		
Ashmore Addition (Padgett)	Greenville	75,000
Deveaux Bank	Charleston	
Green's Shell Ring	Beaufort	83,000
Waccamaw Bridges	Horry	234,000
Milford Plantation Appraisal	Sumter	5,000
Ashe, Beet Islands Acq Cost	Beaufort	18,000
Cultural Areas Protection Plan	Statewide	30,000
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		445,000
<b>1991 Commitments</b>		
Bennett's Bay Addition	Clarendon	80,000
Cartwheel Bay Addition	Horry	145,000
Sandhills Bay	Clarendon	159,000
Saluda County Highponds	Saluda	54,000
Mt. Pleasant Church Bay	Lee	82,000
Lewis Ocean Bay Addition	Horry	793,000
Ashe, Beet, Big, Boler Is.	Beaufort	58,000
Hazel Lake	Aiken	939,000
Windmill Highpond	Aiken	29,000
LPD River Addn. (Ward)	Marion	107,000
LPD State Park Bay	Marion	120,000
Tilghman Addition	Marion	7,000
Savage Bay Addn. (Trivett)	Kershaw	14,000
LPD River Addn. (Vaughn)	Horry	977,000
Buzzard Roost H.P. Road Work	Oconee	5,000
Large Areas Planning Grants	Statewide	5,000
Flat Creek Gates/Road Work	Lancaster	2,000
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	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,576,000</b>
<b>Proposed Additions:</b>		
Black Creek	Darlington	37,000
GPD River (McCall)	Darlington	772,000
Savage Bay Addn. (McPhatter)	Kershaw	19,000
Steven's Creek Addn. (FPB)	McCormick	141,000
LPD River Addn. (GP)	Marion	4,650,000
Statewide Archaeological Survey	Statewide	30,000
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		5,649,000
Reserved Approp. Sav. R. Bluffs		195,000
Approx. Jan. 1991 Cash Balance:		3,405,000
Anticipated Revenue in 1991		2,200,000
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<b>Total Cash Available in 1991</b>		<b>5,800,000</b>

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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
Fish Haul Creek	Beaufort	100,000
Barton Bay	Allendale	255,000
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		1,310,000

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

HLTF PRIORITY BUDGET

5-28-91

January 1, 1991 Balance:		3,405,000
Expenditures to Date		(445,000)
Definite Commitments		
LPD River Addn. (Ward)	107,000	
Ashe, Beet, Big, Boler Is.	50,000	
Windmill Highpond	29,000	
Tilghman Addition	7,000	
Savage Bay Addn. (Trivett)	14,000	
Facilities and Plans	42,000	
	-----	(249,000)
Other Commitments		
LPDR State Park Bay	120,000	
Glassy Mtn. Addn. (Padget)	95,000	
Glassy Mtn. Addn. (Mauldin est)	90,000	
Savage Bay Addn. (McPhatter)	19,000	
Black Creek Property	37,000	
Steven's Creek Addn. (FPB)	141,000	
Sav. Riv. Bluffs (parking)	20,000	
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Revenues Expected by Dec. 30, 1991		2,200,000
Projected Balance, Dec. 30, 1991		4,389,000
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Potential Large Area Projects		
LPD River Addn. (GP)*, 20,546 Ac.	4,650,000	
GPD River (McCall), 2,800 Ac.	772,000	
LPD River Addn. (Vaughn), 3,600 Ac.	977,000	
F. Beidler Forest Addn., 13,500 Ac.	5,000,000	
Pocotaligo Swamp, 5,900 Ac.	2,000,000	
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Additional Funds Needed:		9,010,000
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