

MINUTES
Heritage Trust Advisory Board
Thursday, May 3, 1984
Rembert C. Dennis Building, Columbia

Members Present

Sid Gauthreaux (Chairman)
Walt Ahearn (Vice Chairman)
Arthur Ravenel
Robert Lumpkin
Gurdon Tarbox
Ed Drane
Joe Frank Watson
Christie Fant
Claudette Cureton
Robert Stephenson
Henry Savage
Jim Timmerman

Other Attendees

Tom Kohlsaat
Stuart Greeter
Langdon Edmunds
Steve Bennett
Doug Rayner
Marion Edmonds
Mike Foley
LaBruce Alexander

Members Absent

Ed Burgess
Wade Batson
Daniel Winstead
Pat Walker
Rudy Mancke

Chairman Gauthreaux called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Dr. Gauthreaux introduced Marion Edmonds (PRT), and welcomed him to the meeting. The Board then voted to approve the minutes with one amendment. On page 2, "200 acres of gopher tortoise habitat" was changed to "950 acres."

Dr. Timmerman reported that the Wildlife Magazine was recognized with the 1983 Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Award. Also, the Wildlife Department is establishing a committee to study needs and alternatives for land acquisitions, using the multipurpose use concept. The Wildlife Department and Parks, Recreation & Tourism are asking for Land and Water Conservation Funds for Santee State Park, 40 Acre Rock, Shealy's Pond, and the Murrell's Inlet Boat Ramp. There are not enough funds for all of these projects, and the plan is now to defer most of Shealy's Pond until the next fiscal year. Dr. Timmerman also explained Project Wild, which will hold workshops for teachers.

Budget Committee

Tom Kohlsaat passed out a copy of the budget for information and comments. He stated that checkoff funds will be about the same as last year and legislation is pending to put the endangered species staff on State appropriated funds.

Natural Areas Committee

Gurdon Tarbox reported that Dr. Richard Moore and Gregg Cornwell have submitted a proposal to survey for the Islands Glass Lizard. The project will cost \$300.00. Steve Bennett reported that two other projects are underway. They are a survey for the Bog Turtle by Dennis Herman, and a survey for the Green Salamander by Chick Gaddy.

Doug Rayner reported that the S. C. Atlas Project is proceeding well. Under that program individuals are reimbursed for travel expenses when surveying for plant species of concern. Twelve colleges are involved in the project and last year 35 records of interest were received at a cost of \$2,000. The atlas will be published in 1987.

Cultural Areas Committee

Christie Fant reported that the Cultural Areas Committee discussed how cultural areas might be protected under the Heritage Trust Program. Christie read the minutes to the Committee Meeting and then presented a resolution proposing to use the National Register list as the cultural areas inventory list referred to in the Heritage Trust Act. Ms. Fant passed out the resolution, which the Board approved unanimously. The list of 766 sites represents the best of over 28,000 sites known in the State. Christie reported that the major protection sought for these sites will be a conservation easement, although registration is a possibility.

A copy of the resolution, as adopted by the Board, is attached to the minutes. The Board also passed a motion commending the Cultural Areas Committee for their fine work.

Protection Projects Update

Stuart Greeter presented the Clemson Experimental Forest Natural Areas registration agreement. The Board approved the registration. Stuart also reported that appraisals are currently being carried out for the Flat Creek Dike Natural Area and the Colleton County Oxypolis site. The Wildlife Department will purchase these areas from The Nature Conservancy in the near future. Land & Water Conservation Funds will be used to purchase the Flat Creek Dike Natural Area and Check for Wildlife funds will be used to purchase the Oxypolis site.

The Nature Conservancy has purchased one property at Shealy's Pond and still has at least two more parcels to purchase. The Wildlife Department is applying for L&WC funds to purchase properties at Shealy's Pond.

Delk Property Easement

Stuart Greeter explained the background leading up to the proposed easement on the Delk property. The HTAB voted to accept a conservation easement on the Delk property in exchange for an access easement across the Watson Tract. The conservation easement is to include a 150' buffer and a maximum of 40% cleared land.

HTP Slide Show

Steve Bennett passed out a script and presented a HTP slide show. He asked for comments on the script and slides. Sid Gauthreaux commended Steve for a fine job.

Other Business

Tom Kohlsaatt reported on progress that was being made with the S. C. Ridge Law. The HTAB approved a resolution supporting such a law with a telephone ballot. The Wildlife Commission and the PRT Commission both endorsed the proposal. Senator Drummond introduced a bill which passed the Senate and is being sent to the House.

The Board passed a motion to ratify the telephone ballot and a motion to try to change the language referring to National Register sites in the proposed legislation.

Tom Kohlsaatt described his Land Development Protection Project to the Board members. The project proposes using State bond money for property acquisition. A Wildlife Department committee will be established to look into this possibility.

Dr. Stephenson announced that he would retire on June 30th and his successor would take his place on the Board. Chairman Gauthreaux said that the Board had benefited greatly from his input and that he looks forward to continued assistance from Dr. Stephenson.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for August 9th in Columbia. This date was later changed to August 2nd because of scheduling conflicts. The November meeting may be held out of town. The Webb Center and Yawkey Center are possible locations.

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WHEREAS, the South Carolina General Assembly, with the approval of the Governor, has provided for the establishment of the South Carolina Heritage Trust Program through enactment of Act 600 of 1976; and whereas this Act states the following:

- , among other provisions,*
- (1) It is necessary and desirable that portions of the State's rich ... cultural diversity be set aside as Heritage Preserves and Sites protected for the benefit of present and future generations ... as examples ... which represent significant parts of our historical and cultural heritage, and
 - (2) that a coordinated and concerted program is needed in order to avoid duplication ... and to insure maximum conservation ... through ... legal mechanisms for identifying, recognizing, and protecting such areas for their outstanding characteristics, and
 - (3) that it is the public policy of this State to secure for the people, both present and future generations, the benefits of an enduring resource of ... cultural areas and features by establishing Heritage Preserves and Sites ... and otherwise encouraging and assisting in the preservation of ... cultural areas and features of this State; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina is already systematically accomplishing the goal of officially identifying and recognizing its historic sites through the State Historic Preservation Program which brings about South Carolina's participation in the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the National Register of Historic Places is maintained by the United States Department of the Interior as the Nation's official list of its patrimony worthy of preservation, and whereas the South Carolina Department of Archives and History supervises the National Register program in South Carolina, with an official State Review Board of citizens qualified in history, architecture, archeology, architectural history, and related fields to screen and approve all South Carolina National Register nominations for submission to the Department of Interior for final approval; and whereas the South Carolina listings in the National Register represent the most comprehensive and official state list of its significant historic places,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Heritage Trust Advisory Board recommends the following in regard to cultural resources:

- (1) That it ~~should~~^{shall} be the policy of the Heritage Trust Program that South Carolina cultural properties and areas officially listed as entered in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places be considered the statewide inventory of cultural resources called for in Section 4(2) of the Heritage Trust Act as priority areas and features.