

Minutes
S.C. Heritage Trust Advisory Board
May 4, 1995
Columbia, S.C.

Members Present

Dr. George Vogt
Mr. Jack Lunn
Mr. Tony Merck
Mr. Tom Kohlsaad (for Dr. Gibbons)
Mr. Chris Clement (For Dr. RippetEAU)
Mr. Joe Mills (for Hugh Ryan)
Mr. Cary Chamblee
Mr. Brock Conrad (for Marion Burnside)
Dr. James Timmerman
Mr. Michael Ray

Others Present

Mr. Steve Bennett
Mr. John Cely
Ms. Lee Dane
Mr. Chris Rigby
Mr. Ken Prosser
Mr. Chris Judge
Dr. Bert Pittman
Mr. Greg Lucas
Mr. Derrell Shipes
Mr. Mike Soraghan
Mr. John Watford
Mr. Stuart Greeter

Members Absent

Dr. Terry Ferguson
Dr. John Dean
Mr. Bruce Sahlman
Mr. Russ McCoy
Ms. Grace McKown

In Dr. Gibbons' absence, Dr. George Vogt chaired the meeting. Dr. Vogt called the meeting to order and called the roll. Dr. Vogt announced several additions to the meeting agenda. A motion was made and passed to approve the amended agenda.

Approval of February 2 Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the February 2, 1995 Heritage Trust Advisory Board (HTAB) meeting. The motion was approved.

Other Business

Stuart Greeter distributed copies of proposed guidelines for licensing guides to conduct tours of heritage preserves. Stuart said this is in the discussion stage and he would like members to review the guidelines, provide comments and return to him. Stuart

added that tours are already taking place in several areas, particularly the ACE Basin, in which the Department has no control. Stuart said that licensing guides would negate any detrimental effects that might occur on preserves and also increase the availability of these areas to the public.

Tony Merck endorsed the idea and added that this could build a constituency of people who care about the resource.

Comments from the Director

Dr. Timmerman stated that Governor Beasley will replace at least four of the seven DNR Board members. He discussed the new nominees and said they would undergo Senate confirmation hearings within the next week.

In regard to the Heritage Trust Program, Dr. Timmerman said there was a problem with one county's legislative delegation in regard to land acquisitions. Dr. Timmerman said he would discuss this further in executive session.

Next, Dr. Timmerman reported that after much hard work in the House and Senate, the budget submitted by the Department is looking very positive.

In summary, Dr. Timmerman said everything was going extremely well and he commended staff on their hard work.

Other Business

Tom Kohlsaas handed out copies of the Senate budget bill concerning the S.C. Legacy Fund. Tom recalled that Ken Driggers gave a presentation about the fund several meetings ago. Tom briefly explained the project and reported that the bill has passed through the Senate Finance Committee and will next go to the

Conference Committee. Tom said a total of five million would go into the Legacy Trust Fund. Tom added that a board in the Governor's Office would distribute the money to the qualifying boards, agencies and programs.

Tom asked members to take this under advisement and to relay any concerns about the bill to him.

Dr. Vogt added he has been sitting on the committee for the project and is happy to report that the Governor is strongly behind the bill.

Next, Stuart distributed copies of the HLTF Annual Report to board members. During 1994, Stuart said 4,700 acres of land were acquired at a cost of \$571 per acre. Over the last nine years, Stuart reported that 39,000 acres have been acquired at a cost of \$380 per acre. Stuart added that 235 different rare habitats have been protected during this period.

Cultural Areas Committee

Dr. Vogt gave an update on six projects:

- 1) Palmetto Fort: A site located near Mt. Pleasant that is now in the hands of the Resolution Trust Corp. The site was offered to the Department of Archives and History for an easement, which referred it to Heritage Trust. The site will provide no-cost protection through an easement prior to the property passing to a developer.
- 2) Cowpens Iron Furnace: No owner can be found for the property. Therefore, a title search will be conducted before there is any further action on the project.
- 3) Nipper Creek: An existing heritage preserve on the Broad

River that could have been expanded by a Bi-Lo mitigation site. However, a negative environmental assessment rendered the property unavailable. Another mitigation effort by Bi-Lo may result in an addition to Shealy's Pond in Lexington County.

- 4) Hitchcock Woods: Several minor changes that will be discussed later as an action item.
- 5) Fishhaul Creek: A Hilton Head site that was removed from the budget. The committee would like to see it returned to the budget and will discuss it in executive session.
- 6) Landrum Pottery Complex: Options will be exercised to purchase both tracts. Closing on the property should occur in July.

Next, Stuart introduced Lee Dane as a board member of the Hitchcock Foundation that helped write the Hitchcock Woods easement. Dr. Vogt stated that the changes in the easement by the Cultural Areas Committee could be discussed in conjunction with the changes suggested by the Natural Areas Committee.

Natural Areas Committee

Joe Mills stated the committee discussed the Graniteville property and the Hitchcock Woods easement.

Joe then introduced Steve Bennett to discuss Graniteville. Steve said that John Nelson conducted a botanical survey of the property, which was originally identified as a large areas project. Steve stated that Graniteville is composed of approximately 13,000 acres and is under one ownership. Steve displayed a map of the property and conducted a slide presentation of the site. Steve

stated the vast majority of the property is longleaf pine. He added that a number of rare plant species are located on the property, including three rare species that are candidates for federal listing and one bird species, the Red-cockaded woodpecker, that is on the federal endangered list.

Joe said the committee recommends approval and made a motion to approve Graniteville as a large areas project with the understanding of pursuing limited timber management on appropriate timber stands as well as consideration of dropping back to less than the total acreage for circumstances such as budget and otherwise. The motion was seconded and approved.

In regard to Hitchcock Woods, Dr. Vogt said the Cultural Areas Committee had 2 suggested changes. The first, located on page 6, item 4, would involve inserting an additional sentence to read "Consideration of archaeological resources shall precede any ground disturbing activity". Ms. Dane agreed.

The second suggested change concerned the scientific policy on page 17. Dr. Vogt said the committee would like to delete "archaeology" from line five because everything else mentioned is a non-destructive type of scientific research. Ms. Dane said the Foundation would prefer to keep the language in its present form.

Stuart interjected that there seems to be a conflict on page 6 between items 4 and 5. Stuart said item 5 sounds like archaeology can be conducted with approval from the Hitchcock Foundation in accordance with the attached guidelines. Stuart added that this contradicts the statement in item 4. Ms. Dane replied that the foundation specifically split archaeology from the rest of science

so that archaeological research would be held at a higher standard.

Dr. Vogt recommended inserting the words "non archaeological" at the beginning of item five to clarify the statement. Ms. Dane agreed.

Next, Chris Judge said that the document reads as though the final and only say in approval of scientific research sits with the Foundation. Ms. Dane answered that an additional sentence could be inserted to read "Archaeological research is subject to the scientific research policy and the approval of the Grantee." All agreed this language would be sufficient. Dr. Vogt added that this sentence would be an amendment to Exhibit D.

In conclusion, Dr. Vogt stated that overall, the committee was pleased with the document and the Cultural Areas report was now completed.

Stuart presented the changes in the Hitchcock Woods easement for the Natural Areas Committee. Stuart said the committee recommended that the first change, on page 4, paragraph (c) be altered to read: "Horseback riding, carriage driving, drag hunting with use of hounds and any other recreational use of horses on existing trails and in other appropriate areas only". Stuart added that the rest of the paragraph would be deleted because the Committee did not think access by others should be limited and the responsibility for access questions should lie with the Foundation.

The second change, on page 6, paragraph (o) should read: "Automobiles and motorized vehicles shall be allowed on the property only for purposes of management, maintenance, public safety or for purposes stated in 3(g) and research projects

approved by the Grantor". Stuart said the Committee also suggested combining paragraphs (g) and (o).

Third, on page 6, item 6, Stuart said the Committee recommended revising the sentence to read: "If a species listed as endangered, threatened or rare by a cognizant federal or state agency is found on the property, the Grantor agrees to abide by the rules, regulations and guidelines of that agency for protection of that species and consider recommendations from the agency for protection of that species." Stuart said the reason for changing "designated" to "listed" involved state law which does not recognize designated plant species as it does for animals.

Dr. Vogt asked Ms. Dane if there were any time constraints that would prevent the Committee from reworking the language and presenting the easement to the Board again at the August meeting. Dr. Timmerman interjected that he was willing to agree in principle to the easement and have staff and the grantor work together to solve the minor issues. In this manner, the document would not have to come back before the Board. Ms. Dane interjected that there was a Foundation Board meeting in June and she would like to have the easement approved before that time.

Dr. Vogt entertained a motion to approve the plan in principle. Once all minor details are resolved, Dr. Vogt said the final document can be mailed out to members as a matter of information. A motion was made and seconded. Tony Merck asked if there were any other changes before a vote was taken.

Stuart replied that there was a legal change recommended by Buford that has been discussed with Ms. Dane. He added that a final

change was in the forest management plan. Stuart said Joe Mills suggested changing several sentences in the longleaf pine timber management policy that allows for greater flexibility and does not change the intent of the easement. Instead of 6 seed trees left per acre cut, Joe suggested longleaf needed more and would therefore replace that with a shelterwood cut.

A vote was then taken and the easement was passed unanimously.

Budget Committee

HTAB entered Executive Session and Stuart presented the budget. HTAB returned to regular session and voted to accept the budget as presented, excluding the Waccamaw River Addition - Red Bluff and returning Fishhaul Creek to the no-time frame budget.

Other Business

A motion was made to authorize a \$100,000 timber sale on the Schultz property as a condition of the acquisition. The motion was seconded and approved.

The next HTAB meeting will be August 3, 1995 at the SRS facility in Aiken. A field trip is also planned as part of the meeting. HTAB members will be notified by mail of the details.

Adjourn.

Heritage Land Trust Fund Approved Expenditures: MAY 4, 1995

Approx. January 1, 1995 Cash Balance: 1,703,000

Revenues Expected by December 30, 1996: 1,600,000 (+100,000)

Less 1995 Expenditures and Obligations:

Rock Hill Blackjacks-Albright	York	(167,000)	
Waccamaw River Addn.-Burroughs	Horry	(7,000)	
Preserve Management		(160,000)	
Archaeology Contract		(35,000)	
Land Protection Asst.		(35,000)	
Roadwork and Gates		0	

		(404,000)	

Total Cash Available in 1995: 2,899,000

Less Commitments:

Cathedral Bay Addn.	Bamberg	(33,000)	
Stoney Creek Battery	Beaufort	(28,000)	
South Williman Island	Beaufort	0	(-25,000)
Captain Cannons Sheep Pasture	Darlington	(263,000)	
Buzzard Roost Addn.-Radar	Oconee	(275,000)	
Hitchcock Woods	Aiken	(15,000)	
Waccamaw River Addn.-Schultz	Horry	(411,000)	
Henderson HP Addn.-Boyleston	Aiken	(57,000)	
Aiken Co. Gopher Tortoise	Aiken	(208,000)	
Ferguson's Mountain	York	(261,000)	
Dungannon Plantation	Charleston	(500,000)	
LPDHP Addn.-White	Horry	(48,000)	
Dargan HP Addn.-IP	Horry	(1,024,000)	
Lynchburg Savannah-Clark	Lee	(625,000)	
Rock Hill Blackjacks Addn.-City	York	(9,000)	
Old Island-TNC	Beaufort	0	(-14,000)
Gopher Branch	Aiken	(29,000)	
Pacolet HP Parking	Spartanburg	(14,000)	
Segars HP Footbridge	Darlington	(15,000)	
Preserve Management	Statewide	(40,000)	
Bennett's Bay Reforestation	Clarendon	(15,000)	

		(3,870,000)	

Proposed Additions (5-4-95):

Rock Hill Blackjacks-Marshall	(162,000)	

	(162,000)	

CURRENT ESTIMATED BALANCE ON January 1, 1996 (1,133,000)

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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
Barton Bay	Allendale	255,000
Mt. Pleasant Church Bay	Lee	82,000
Hazel Lake	Aiken	939,000
Sandhills Bay	Clarendon	159,000
Saluda County Highponds	Saluda	54,000
Cartwheel Bay Addn.	Horry	145,000
Glassy Mountain Addn.	Pickens	395,000
Fort Lamar	Charleston	318,000
Little Pee Dee River-IP	Marion	2,546,000

	TOTAL:	5,848,000

To be added to the "No Time Frame:" list:

Fish Haul Creek	Beaufort	100,000

	TOTAL:	100,000

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

**1995 MANAGEMENT BUDGET,
HERITAGE LAND TRUST FUND**

Personal Services:

Classified Positions

2 people @ 1/3 FTE & 1 H.P. Manager, Bio II (estimated) 50,300

Part-time/Temp

2 part-time techs/or @ of Temp grant posit. (incl some est) 12,600

Tom Welsh - part-time 2,700

Data Service Temp Assist. 3,000

Subtotal 18,300

TOTAL

68,600

Other Operating:

Contractual Services

Contract. burning (3,000 ac. @ \$12.00) 36,000

Repairs 1,000

Telephone 2,000

Printing 1,000

Contingency 2,000

Subtotal 42,000

Supplies

Seeds/seedlings for restoration 2,000

Signs/paint related materials 800

Office supplies 800

Infra-red aerials/maps of preserves 800

Misc. tools 800

Motor vehicle supplies 1,000

Subtotal 6,200

Fixed Charges

Insurance (est) 2,000

Travel 2,000

Equipment

Vehicle 16,500

Computer/printer/desk (basic office set-up) 6,000

Subtotal 22,500

Gasoline

2,000

Employer Contributions (est)

14,500

TOTAL

159,800