

**MINUTES
SC HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD
MAY 6, 1993
COLUMBIA, SC**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Tony Merck
Dr. George Vogt
Dr. John Dean
Ms. Wendy Parks
Mr. Joe F. Watson
Dr. Jon Leader (for Dr. Rippeteau)
Dr. Terry Ferguson
Dr. James Timmerman
Mr. Charles Moore (for Hugh Ryan)
Mr. Brock Conrad (for Marion Burnside)

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Bert Pittman
Mr. Steve Bennett
Dr. John Nelson
Ms. Linda Renshaw
Mr. Stuart Greeter
Mr. Tom Kohlsaas
Mr. Pat Morgan
Mr. Greg Lucas
Mr. Chris Judge

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Ed Drane
Dr. Whit Gibbons
Mr. Jim Crawford
Ms. Isabel Hill
Dr. Overton Ganong

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, Tony Merck chaired the meeting and called it to order. A motion was made by George Vogt and seconded by John Dean to approve the minutes of the February 4, 1993 HTAB meeting. The motion passed.

Comments from the Executive Director

Dr. Timmerman commented on his involvement in the National Association of Fish and Wildlife agencies review of President Clinton's DOI budget. He then discussed State Government restructuring and the fact that all Commissions and Boards would be eliminated except HTAB. Brock Conrad and his staff are in the process of reviewing other agencies and nongame programs, evaluating funding sources.

Dr. Timmerman said he will be focussing on the following three areas to improve the Wildlife Department:

- 1) **Effective Management** - Seeing what others do well and applying these principles to Department business.
- 2) **Responsive Management** - Allow for citizen input to assure that each project is biologically sound, has funds, and is socially acceptable. (See

- article in July/August issue of SC Wildlife Magazine).
- 3) Total Quality Management - This involves effective and responsive management. We need more funds and new sources of funds for the Heritage Trust Program. We need to better manage our preserves and we need more public education.

John Dean inquired about a non-consumptive license. Timmerman responded yes in some states and it may be tried in South Carolina in the future.

Dr. Timmerman endorses Bruce Babbitt's push for a national biological survey similar to USGS.

Other Business

Persimmon Ridge Power Line Easement - In response to a request by Duke Power Company, Ed Drane sent Benny Reeves (Chief Accountant) a letter stating what was agreed to at the February 4, 1993 HTAB meeting. HTAB may approve a power line easement in return for a conservation easement on the properties served by the power line. Also the letter requests that Duke Power Company state alternative locations considered on the power line.

Greenville Watershed

Terry Ferguson chaired a public meeting on the watershed. All HTAB ballots were affirmative. Ed Drane recommended Water Commission and City Council consider 1) dedication of conservation easement in the future, 2) proof of need statement for new construction, and 3) include insects separate and apart from disease as reasons to cut trees in the watershed.

Stuart Greeter attended the meeting and reiterated the recommendations of HTAB. Greenville Mayor Workman (Chair of City Council) said that dedication of a conservation easement could take place in the future. He changed the definition of disease to include insects and said that a proof of need statement was assumed. Pat Morgan of The Nature Conservancy announced that the final reading and document signing would be May 24, 1993 at 5:30 PM at City Hall in Greenville, and invited HTAB and Heritage Trust staff to attend. He also invited everyone to a gathering afterward at The Peace Center. The Greenville Watershed is the fourth largest TNC easement and the largest on the Eastern Seaboard. Morgan thanked the HTAB and Heritage Trust staff for all of their efforts towards this project.

State Government Restructuring

Tom Kohlsaas reported on the HTAB luncheon workshop on strategic planning at the February 4, 1993 meeting. In order to increase Heritage Trust funds a mission statement and a set of goals are needed. He asked HTAB and staff to attend a meeting in early June to hammer out future plans, after the State Legislature adjourns.

Cultural Areas Committee

George Vogt (Chairman) reported that the Committee had no action items at this time to present to HTAB. He provided a brief synopsis of the Cultural Areas Subcommittee (CAS) meeting held earlier that day. An alkaline glaze stoneware kiln site has been looted. The Committee was presented a report on the urgency to protect unlooted alkaline glaze stoneware kiln sites in Aiken and Edgefield Counties. Staff will be pursuing an approved stoneware kiln site on the approved projects list. Vogt also reported on two grant applications submitted by Chris Judge, one to The Archaeological Conservancy and another to The Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites. Each application requested \$100,000 to protect Fort Lamar. By August a final version of Pacolet River Heritage Preserve management plan will be presented to HTAB for approval.

Natural Areas Committee

In Whit Gibbons' absence John Dean reported on behalf of the Committee. Steve Bennett and Stuart Greeter presented the two Lewis Ocean Bay Additions.

- 1) Lewis Ocean Bay Addition - Waccamaw River - This addition of 155 acres is necessary to maintain the natural corridor for Black Bear between the Waccamaw River and the preserve. The Committee recommended approval and a motion was made by John Dean and seconded by Joe Watson. HTAB voted unanimously to approve the project.
- 2) Waccamaw Bridges Addition - This proposed action would protect an additional 2,500 acres at Waccamaw Bridges Heritage Preserve. The addition is predominantly bottomland hardwoods and contains six rare plants as well as a corridor to protect Black Bear. Dean commented that it is the intention of the Committee to view this as a large area project, in response to an inquiry by Terry Ferguson on adjacent landowners. Steve Bennett was also asked to contact the North Carolina Heritage Program to discuss the Waccamaw River. HTAB voted unanimously to approve this project.
- 3) Aiken Sandhills - Miller - Steve Bennett presented this project. The property is within the city limits of Aiken and the landowner approached SCHTP about a donation. The property is characterized by the longleaf pine wiregrass (xeric sandhill scrub) plant community. The property also contains impressive sandstone outcrops. The property is fire suppressed and prescribed burning would be used as a management tool. HTAB voted unanimously to approve this project.
4. Forty Acre Rock Addition - This action proposed adding 118 acres to 1,436 acre Flat Creek Heritage Preserve, in order to add more rare plant community types and to buffer the existing preserve from off-site impacts. Staff would like to see this area evolve into a large area project. The HTAB voted unanimously to approve the project.

- 5) South Pacolet Headwaters - Bert Pittman presented this project, which is on Chestnut Ridge adjacent to the Poinsett Reservoir of the Greenville Watershed. High pH soil on the ridge harbors an endangered plant species, white iris and other rare species. The significance of this project stands on its own because of federally endangered plant species, a high rare species diversity, and its proximity adjacent to the Greenville Watershed. HTAB voted to approve this project unanimously.
- 6) Kings Mountain State Park Addition - This project was presented by Joe Frank Watson. This project proposed adding 329.8 acres adjacent to Kings Mountain State Park and other National Park Service holdings, resulting in a 10,000 acre large area. No endangered species or elements had been identified on the tract. The HTAB did not vote to approve this project.

Little Pee Dee River Large Area

John Nelson said that he, Steve Bennett and Dr. Summers of SC Land Resources Commission looked at the entire basin (16 topo quads) using infra-red photos as a theoretical approach to identifying natural community boundaries on the ground. The presentation was followed by discuss of digitation of natural communities. At the August meeting HTAB will be asked to consider this approach to developing a large area project on the Little Pee Dee, Fort Acre Rock, and Waccamaw Bridges.

Budget Committee

HTAB entered Executive Session and Stuart Greeter presented the budget. The Board went back into regular session and voted unanimously to approve the budget as presented.

Pending Legislation Concerning Operating Funds

Tom Kohlsaat discussed the future of funding the Heritage Trust Program. Checkoff revenue is down by approximately \$75,000 due to a third Checkoff on the State tax form. Legislation is being considered on an endangered species tag and allowing 10% of Heritage Land Trust Fund to be used for preserve management.

The next meeting will be held on August 5 in Columbia.

Adjourn.

HERITAGE LAND TRUST FUND BUDGET

8-1-93

January 1, 1993 Balance: 3,351,000

Expected 1993 Revenues: 1,400,000

Less: Expenditures to Date:

Inst. of Arch. & Anthropol.	18,000
Contract Employee	15,000
Roadwork & Gates	38,000

TOTAL

71,000

Current Balance:

4,680,000

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Expected 1993 Expenditures:		
Bennett's Bay Addn.	152	60,000
Black Creek	475	72,000
Stevens Creek Addn.	208	131,000
Cathedral Bay Addn.	35	33,000
Stoney Creek Battery	5	28,000
Buzzards Island	5	5,000
Lewis Ocean Bay Addn.-IP	1,864	1,523,000
Waccamaw Bridges Addn.-IP	2,704	1,286,000
Aiken Co. Sandhills-Miller	198	27,000
Otter Island	1,889	334,000
Gates, Contracts, & Mgmt.		96,000
TOTAL	7,535	3,595,000

Average Cost = \$477 / Acre

Total Expected 1993 Expenditures: 3,666,000

Projected Balance, Jan. 1, 1994 1,085,000

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Heritage Land Trust Fund Approved Expenditures to	July 1994
	8-1-93
Approx. Aug. 1, 1993 Cash Balance:	4,215,000
Revenues Expected by July 1, 1994:	1,200,000
Less 1993 Expenditures:	
Inst. of Arch. & Antrop. Contract	(18,000)
Contract Employee	(15,000)
Roadwork at Vaughn	(38,000)

Total Cash Available in 1993/94:	5,344,000
Less Commitments:	
Bennett's Bay Addition	Clarendon 60,000
Black Creek	Darlington 37,000
Steven's Creek Addn. (FPB)	McCormick 131,000
Fort Lamar	Charleston 318,000
Ferguson's Mountain	York 261,000
Cathedral Bay Addn.	Bamberg 33,000
Glassy Mountain Addn.	Pickens 395,000
Stoney Creek Battery	Beaufort 28,000
Buzzards Island	Charleston 5,000
Lewis Ocean Bay Addn.-IP	Horry 1,523,000
Waccamaw Bridges Addn.-IP	Horry 1,286,000
Aiken Co. Sandhills-Miller	Aiken 27,000
Forty Acre Rock Addn.-Horton	Lancaster 36,000
Access to GPDHP	Darlington 4,000
Green's Shell Gate	Beaufort 3,000
Contract Employee	Statewide 30,000
Inst. of Arch. & Anth. Contract	Statewide 35,000

	(4,212,000)
Proposed Additions (8-1-93):	
Black Creek (Increase)	Darlington 35,000
Otter Island	Colleton 334,000
Waccamaw Bridges (Increase)	Horry 392,000
Forty Acre Rock-Addn. (Increase)	Lancaster 12,000
Pacolet Preserve Gates	Spartanburg 4,000
GPDHP Gates (Increase)	Darlington 3,000
Preserve Management 1993/94	Statewide 100,000

	(880,000)
CURRENT ESTIMATED BALANCE ON July 1, 1994	252,000
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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
Fish Haul Creek	Beaufort	100,000
Barton Bay	Allendale	255,000
Mt. Pleasant Church Bay	Lee	82,000
Lewis Ocean Bay Addition	Horry	793,000
Hazel Lake	Aiken	939,000
Sandhills Bay	Clarendon	159,000
Saluda County Highponds	Saluda	54,000
LPD River Addn. (GP)	Marion	5,275,000

		8,612,000

Proposed Additions (8-1-93):

Cartwheel Bay Addn.	Horry	145,000
Lewis Ocean Bay Addn.-Waccamaw	Horry	64,000

		209,000

TOTAL:		8,821,000

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