

**MINUTES**  
**HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD**  
May 6, 1999  
Columbia, SC

Members Present

Dr. Terry Ferguson (Chair)  
Dr. Bruce Rippeteau  
Mr. Brock Conrad (for Paul Sandifer)  
Mr. Joe Mills (for Hugh Ryan)  
Dr. Rodger Stroup  
Mr. Mike Foley (for Buddy Jennings)  
Ms. Ann Nolte (for Freddy Vang)

Members Absent

Dr. Julius Leary (Vice-Chair)  
Mr. Michael Todd Smith  
Mr. Bruce Sahlman  
Mr. Dick Scott, III  
Mr. Corky Lee  
Dr. Tony Ganong  
Mr. Keith Hinson

Others

Mr. Tom Kohlsaatt  
Mr. Steve Bennett  
Mr. Chris Judge  
Mr. Ken Prosser  
Mr. Johnny Stowe  
Mr. Jamie Dozier  
Mr. Breck Carmichael  
Mr. Stuart Greeter  
Mr. Jim Sorrow  
Mr. Greg Lucas  
Ms. Mary Bunch  
Ms. Mary Edmonds  
Ms. Pam Olhawlt  
Dr. Jon Leader  
Mr. Joe Heard  
Mr. Robert New  
Mr. Francis Limbaker  
Mr. Johnny Olhawlt  
Mr. Dan Dobbins  
Dr. Barry Beasley

Dr. Terry Ferguson called the meeting to order and called the roll.

Approval of February 4 Minutes

After noting that Jon Leader represented Bruce Rippeteau at the last meeting, a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 4, 1999 Heritage Trust Advisory Board (HTAB) meeting. The motion was approved.

Comments from the Director

In Dr. Sandifer's absence, Brock Conrad reported that Governor Hodges has nominated seven new members for the DNR Board. He added that Dr. Julius Leary, an HTAB member, is one of the nominees. Regarding the budget process, Mr. Conrad stated that funding is still in place for the Wildlife Diversity Section.

### Morris Island Lighthouse

Robert New, representing the non-profit Save the Light, stated that their organization has purchased Morris Island Lighthouse and are trying to preserve it. He gave a brief history of the structure and said it is the most visible symbol of maritime history in the state. Mr. New said they have paid off the mortgage and have additional funds in place for preservation costs. To ensure that the base and foundation of the lighthouse are preserved, he said they have enlisted the assistance of the US Army Corps of Engineers. To obtain grant money from them, Mr. New said the lighthouse must be deeded to the state of South Carolina. He stated that they have secured \$500,000 in state funds for this project and are in the process of raising an additional one million. Mr. New said the Corps will provide up to 65% of the renovation costs. Mr. Limbaker, a Corps engineer, said they have done an initial evaluation of the structure and have found it to be sound. Soon, he said they will take soil borings and send a diver down to examine the pilings around the lighthouse. Concerning long-term costs, Mr. New said Save the Light will continue to operate and provide recurring funds. He added that he doesn't expect any future financial obligations for the state beyond what has already been appropriated in the state budget. Tom Kohlsaet asked about the possibility of DNR taking title to the lighthouse and then leasing it back to them for maintenance and management. Mr. New agreed to that possibility as did Mr. Limbaker. Dr. Stroup said the Cultural Areas Committee is interested in the project, but would like to wait until the August meeting before taking action. Then, he said the costs associated with the project and the reports from the Corps could be completed and reviewed. Chris Judge stated he would organize a field trip to the site.

### Natural Areas Committee

Joe Mills reported that the committee discussed eight items, two of which will be presented in executive session.

- 1) Stevens Creek Heritage Preserve Management Plan: Johnny Stowe reviewed the the plan and Mr. Mills said the committee as a motion recommends its approval. The motion was approved.
- 2) Seabird Rookeries Heritage Preserve Management Plan: Jamie Dozier reviewed the plan and Mr. Mills said the committee as a motion recommends its approval. The motion was approved.
- 3) Rock Hill Blackjacks Heritage Preserve Management Plan: Jim Sorrow reviewed the plan and Mr. Mills said the committee recommends as a motion its approval. The motion was approved.
- 4) Blackwell Heritage Preserve Management Plan: Mary Bunch reviewed the plan and Mr. Mills said the committee as a motion recommends its approval. The motion was approved.

5) MOU with City of Hartsville: Mr. Sorrow explained that the City of Hartsville is interested in annexing property that includes the Segars-McKinnon Heritage Preserve. He said staff are in favor of this action and the MOU will allow DNR to conduct prescribed burning on the preserve if it is annexed. Joe Heard, Planning Director for Hartsville, expressed the city's support for the project and stated that annexation would increase police and fire protection on the preserve. Mr. Mills said the committee as a motion recommends acceptance of the MOU. The motion was approved.

6) Ledyard Bat Site: Mary Bunch described the 78-acre site as being in Oconee County near Lake Cheohee. She said the property contains three old gold mines, one which contains the state endangered Rafinesque's big-eared bat. Ms. Bunch added that the largest maternity colony in the upstate resides there. She said the owner is willing to sell the property or execute a conservation easement to protect this species. Dr. Ferguson asked Mr. Judge to examine the area for cultural elements. He also expressed concern about liability problems regarding the gold mines. Mr. Mills stated the committee as a motion recommends establishing the Ledyard bat site as a Level One protection project. The motion was approved.

Dr. Ferguson recognized Mr. Mills for his service on HTAB and informed everyone that Joe is retiring from the Forestry Commission in June.

#### Cultural Areas Committee

Besides Morris Island Lighthouse, Dr. Stroup reported that the Committee discussed the Daw's Island Management Plan. Mr. Judge reviewed the plan and Dr. Stroup said the committee as a motion recommends its approval. The motion was approved.

#### Strategic Plan

Mr. Kohlsaas reviewed a third draft of the plan, which was decreased to one page with two major goals. He will schedule a retreat in July for members to finalize the plan.

#### Budget Committee

HTAB entered Executive Session to discuss budget issues. HTAB returned to regular session and Dr. Ferguson declared that a quorum was present. Then, HTAB voted to approve the Heritage Land Trust Fund budget. Savage Bay, Tillman and Ford's Skull Creek were approved as budget additions. A contribution for digitized aerial photos was also approved.

#### Other Business

A) Stewardship: Johnny Stowe and Chris Judge updated members about stewardship activities on preserves.

B) Congaree Creek Management Plan: Dr. Ferguson stated that Dr. Stoup and Mr. Mills visited Congaree Creek with staff to address management concerns about timber cutting on the property. Dr. Stoup reported that part of the preserve has been thinned, but the timber on the Manning site has not been cut since it was planted in 1978. Therefore, he said if the site is not thinned there is a concern about the possibility of a wildfire. Although traditional logging could harm the archaeological elements present, Dr. Stoup said that Mr. Mills recommended using new logging techniques that are less damaging than traditional methods. Mr. Mills stated that he agrees with restrictive cutting on certain archaeologically sensitive areas of the preserve. Regarding silvicultural practices in the management plan, he suggested inserting a statement on page six asserting that regeneration will occur by natural methods. Dr. Ferguson said the plan would be revised to incorporate thinning on the Manning site. After the plan is revised, he stated that it will be presented to HTAB for approval in August.

C) HTAB Vacancies: Due to resignations and other factors, Dr. Ferguson said HTAB now has four vacancies for gubernatorial appointees and a vacancy for the DNR Board representative. He asked members to suggest viable candidates to fill these vacancies. Dr. Ferguson also stated that he will be looking for candidates to fill the positions of Natural Areas Committee Chair and Budget Committee Chair. He said he would like to fill these committee positions before the next meeting.

Adjourn.

"PROPOSED"

Heritage Land Trust Fund Approved Expenditures:

May 4, 1999

Approx. January 1, 1999 Cash Balance:	3,755,452
Revenues Expected by December 30, 1999:	3,000,000
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Total Funds Available:	6,755,452

Other Expenditures:

Preserve Management (spent:\$113,000)	(300,000)
Land Protection (spent:\$21,000)	(95,000)
Cap Imp (\$29,000 spent/oblig)	(300,000)
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	(695,000)

Less Commitments:

Bird Mtn. Coserve. Ease. N	Spartanburg	(1,000)
Fort Frederick (30)C	Beaufort	(21,000)
Greens Shell Encl. Addn. C	Beaufort	(118,000)
Rock Hill BJ HP Addn.(5)N	York	(58,850)
Lewis O B HP Trade-BBA(24)N	Horry	(13,675)
Lewis O B HP Trade-Vaught(24)N	Horry	(8,575)
Woods Bay Addn.-Moore(76)N	Florence	(18,175)
Big Pine Tree Creek(27)N	Kershaw	(18,025)
Mitchelville(5)C	Beaufort	(200,000)
Long Branch Bay(42)N	Barnwell	(5,575)
Henderson HP Addn.(72)N	Aiken	(12,220)
Ford's Shell Ring(23)C	Beaufort	(397,000)
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		(872,095)

Additions:

Savage Bay(65)N	Kershaw	(51,775)
Ford's Skull Creek(23)C	Beaufort	(157,473)
Tillman SR Addn-Dobson(17)N	Jasper	(76,875)
Digitized Maps	Statewide	(5,000)
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		(291,123)

CURRENT ESTIMATED BALANCE ON January 1, 1999

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4,897,234

(N) Natural Areas Project  
 (C) Cultural Areas Project  
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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)
LPD River-Woodbury(N)	Marion	(1,500,000)
North Williman Is.(75)N	Beaufort	(14,000)
	TOTAL:	(4,647,000)

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

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**"PROPOSED"**

Heritage Land Trust Fund Approved Expenditures:

August 5, 1999

Approx. January 1, 1999 Cash Balance:	3,755,452
Revenues Expected by December 30, 1999:	3,000,000

Total Funds Available:	<u>6,755,452</u>
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1999 Expenditures:

Crab Bank N	0
Bird Mountain (Cons Ease)N	(1,200)
Rock Hill BJ HP Add-McDaniel(5)N	(56,825)
Long Branch Bay(42)N	(3,892)

(61,917)

1999 Obligations:

Preserve Management (spent:\$135,000)	(530,000)
Land Protection Grant(spent:\$41,000)	(95,000)
Cap Imp (\$72,000 spent/oblig)	(732,000)
Digitized Maps	(5,000)

(1,357,000)

Less Commitments:

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Ford's Shell Ring(23)C	Beaufort	(554,473)
Savage Bay(65)N	Kershaw	(51,775)
Tillman SR Addn-Dobson(17)N	Jasper	(76,875)
Henderson HP Add-Gunter(72)N	Aiken	(479,000)
Aiken GT Add-Hallman(20)N	Aiken	(486,000)

(2,063,018)

Additions:

Childsbury Towne(7)C	(599,500)
Chestnut Ridge(2)N	(2,240,575)
Forty Acre Rock HP Add(3)N	(187,000)

(3,027,075)

CURRENT ESTIMATED BALANCE ON January 1, 1999

308,359

N Natural Areas Project  
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 (#) Rank

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