

MINUTES
HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1986
DENNIS BUILDING, COLUMBIA, S.C.

Members Present

Sid Gauthreaux (Chrmn.)
Wade Batson
Bruce Rippeteau (V. Chrmn.)
Joe F. Watson
Robert J. Gould
Christie Z. Fant
Claudette Cureton
Ed Drane
Gurdon Tarbox
Fran Eargle
James Timmerman
Michael A. Ray

Members Absent

John E. Hassell, III
Henry Savage
H. E. Pearce, Jr.
Arthur Ravenel
Charles L. Compton

Other Attendees

Zach Corontzes
Stuart Greeter
Brock Conrad
Dan Dobbins
James A. Sorrow
Nora Murdock
Pris Knight
Sally Murphy
Phil Wilkinson
Tom Murphy
John Cely
Roger Jones
Albert Goodyear
Steve Bennett
Douglas Rayner
Langdon Edmunds
John B. Nelson
Steven D. Smith
Marion Edmonds

Chairman Gauthreaux called the November 13 meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board (HTAB) to order. The August 21 meeting minutes were approved as written. Chairman Gauthreaux introduced Jack Gould who will be representing the Forestry Commission.

Budget Committee

Stuart Greeter passed out a budget indicating proposed land acquisition expenditures for November and December 1986. Proposed acquisitions include Junkyard (Bennett's) Bay, Cartwheel Bay, Forty Acre Rock addition, and Cathedral (Chitty) Bay. Revenues from the documentary stamp tax increase seem to average \$117,000 per month. Future acquisitions that seem likely include Nipper Creek and a bunched arrowhead preserve in Greenville County.

Cultural Areas Committee

Al Goodyear updated the Board on Nipper Creek and pointed out that there is another potential buyer for the property. Ed Drane said an appraisal had been completed for Auldbrass Plantation and the owners will be making a decision

before the end of the year. Langdon Edmunds reported that the historic easement assessment had been completed. She will supply HTAB members with a summary and a copy of the proposed legislation.

Natural Areas Committee

Wade Batson described James Lake Bluff, Little Pee Dee State Park Bay, and Ashpole Swamp Bays and proposed protection projects. The Board voted to approve those projects.

Comments from the Executive Director

Dr. Timmerman reported that the Wildlife Department is facing a 2.6% budget cut this year and possibly a larger cut next year. He is trying to upgrade some Heritage Trust positions. The President has signed a wetlands bill and that may result in funding for states to buy wetlands.

Protection Projects Update

Roger Jones reported that properties soon to be transferred to the Wildlife Department are Savage Bay, Bennett's Bay, Cartwheel Bay, the Wall Tract, and Cathedral Bay. The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is purchasing 57 acres in Greenville County to protect Bunched Arrowhead. An option has been obtained on 1000 acres at the Pee Dee Islands Bay Complex.

Savannah River Bluffs Management Plan

Jim Sorrow summarized the proposed management plan for Savannah River Bluffs and asked for comments. Gurdon Tarbox asked if Woodlanders could propagate some of the rare plants to curb illegal digging. Doug Rayner said that Woodlanders had already propagated three species that occur at Savannah River Bluffs.

Ranking Carolina Bays

Steve Bennett reported that he, John Nelson and Doug Rayner had developed a point system for comparing and ranking Carolina Bays. Lewis Ocean Bay ranked highest.

Survey Grant Program

Doug Rayner described various survey projects being undertaken with small grants from the Heritage Trust Program.

Law Enforcement on Heritage Preserves

Stuart Greeter reported that he had met with Bill Chastain to discuss law enforcement on Heritage Preserves. In the future, we will contact Bobby Gifford as soon as we acquire property and will supply the appropriate district captain with a copy of the management plan. We should contact Bill Chastain with particular problems and our conservation officers will contact county and city sheriffs if they need help.

Other Business

Steve Bennett displayed the new Check for Wildlife poster which features the endangered pine barrens treefrog.

Roger Jones reported that the S.C. Water Resources Commission is undertaking a statewide rivers assessment and they are asking everyone for comments on rivers.

Al Goodyear said he is initiating a survey for archaeological sites along rivers.

The prototype Heritage Preserve sign was displayed and members were asked for comments. Dr. Timmerman stated that the Wildlife Department has made 160 cases for littering since July 1.

Ed Drane passed out brochures on the proposed Environmental and Historical Museum on Hilton Head Island.

Bruce Rippeteau said they were doing a study on the prehistoric use of Carolina Bays.

Fran Eargle asked to be removed from the Budget Committee because she is already on the Natural Areas Committee.

Tom Kohlsaas invited everyone to the staff meeting that afternoon.

The next HTAB meeting was scheduled for 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 5 at the new State Museum building.

Proposed Land Acquisition Expenditures for November, 1986

	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Debits</u>
Heritage Land Trust Fund appropriated (carryover from Sa. River Bluffs)	193,000	
doc stamp tax (from July and August)	<u>231,000</u>	
TOTAL	424,000	
tax checkoff (from 1985 tax year)	\$ 90,000 (will spend only \$11,000)	
TOTAL	<u>\$514,000</u>	
Junkyard (Bennett's) Bay		134,894.65
FCNA - Wall Tract		50,578.65
Cartwheel Bay		<u>249,513.87</u>
TOTAL		\$434,987.17
Remaining	\$ 79,012.83 (in checkoff)	

Proposed Land Acquisition Expenditures for December, 1986

	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Debits</u>
Heritage Land Trust Fund (from Sept.)	117,000.00	
Tax checkoff	<u>79,012.83</u>	
TOTAL	\$196,012.83	
Cathedral Bay		45,119.32
Remaining		
Heritage Land Trust Fund	71,880.68	
Checkoff	<u>79,012.83</u>	
TOTAL	\$150,893.51	
Other Potentially Available Assets		
Federal Funds (Sagittaria)	30,000	
TNC Equity in Surplus Property	60,000	

Heritage Land Trust Fund Status - 1/30/87

	Revenue	Expendit.	Balance
Revenues to Date*			
Sav. R. Bluffs Carryover	150,000		
July Doc. Stamp Collections	117,000		
August Collections	114,000		
September Collections	110,000		
October Collections	128,000		
Interest	1,000		
Expenditures to Date			
Cartwheel Bay		249,000	
Junkyard (Bennett's) Bay		135,000	
Savage Bay		1,000	
Flat Creek Addition (Wall)		50,000	
TOTALS	620,000	435,000	185,000
Projected Activity			
I. Through April, '87			
3 Months Collections @ 115M	345,000		
Sagittaria I		156,000	
Cathedral (Chitty) Bay		47,000	
Nipper Creek		40,000	
Pee Dee Islands I		164,000	
TOTALS	345,000	407,000	123,000
II. Through December, '87			
8 Months Collections @ 115M	920,000		
USFWS Sagittaria Reimbursement	30,000		
Sav. R. Bluffs Addition**		332,000	
Flat Creek Addition (Cooke)		30,000	
Cartwheel Bay Addition		145,000	
Junkyard (Bennet's) Bay Add'n.		80,000	
Sagittaria II		200,000	
Pee Dee Islands II		178,000	
TOTALS	950,000	965,000	108,000
III. Indefinite Time Frame			
Long Branch Bay		80,000	
Pee Dee Islands III		198,000	
Woods Bay Addition		42,000	
Little Pee Dee St. Pk. Bay		80,000	
Lewis Ocean Bay, etc. Complex		1,500,000	
TOTALS		1,900,000	

- * 1) Doc. Stamp revenues are transferred to us 3-4 months after they are collected.
 2) Approx. \$80,000 in chekoff funds are also available, if needed.

** Market value less \$100,000 Goodhill Match

CHECK FOR WILDLIFE FUND BALANCE, 1985-86

RECEIPTS

CHECKOFF CONTRIBUTIONS ON TAX FORM	\$146,882
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS	2,932
INTEREST INCOME	18,222
REIMBURSEMENTS	2,430
CARRYOVER FROM 1984-85	148,654
LESS: TAX COMMISSION EXPENSES	<u>-11,173</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$307,947

EXPENDITURES

LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE SURVEY	\$ 1,659
SWALLOW-TAILED KITE SURVEY	3,008
WATER BIRD ROOKERY SURVEY	1,660
SHOREBIRD SURVEY	2,088
OTHER NONGAME PROJECTS	2,477
PEREGRINE FALCON REINTRODUCTION	7,911
OTHER ENDANGERED SPP. PROJECTS	2,088
CAROLINA BAY SURVEY	6,325
LAND PROTECTION - OPERATIONS	968
LAND PROTECTION - PURCHASES	102,280
HERITAGE TRUST DATA MANAGEMENT	3,431
WILDLIFE ASSISTANCE & REHAB.	3,119
EDUCATION AND PROMOTIONAL EXPENSES	13,321
SPECIAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	14,481
OVERHEAD	<u>13,904</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$178,720

CARRYOVER TO 1986-87 (RECEIPTS LESS EXPENDITURES) \$129,227

BREAKDOWN OF NONGAME AND HERITAGE TRUST EXPENDITURES
BY SOURCE OF FUNDS, 1985-86

STATE APPROPRIATED	382,231	44%
HERITAGE LAND TRUST FUND	204,500	24%
CHECK FOR WILDLIFE	178,720	21%
FEDERAL END. SPECIES	100,535	12%

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	865,986	100%