

Minutes
Heritage Trust Advisory Board
Thursday, November 19, 1987, 10:00 AM
Rembert Dennis Building, Columbia, SC

Members Present

Sid Gauthreaux (Chairman)
Bruce Rippeteau (Vice Chairman)
Fran Eargle
Michael Ray
Wade Batson
Joe Watson
Mary Edmonds
Eugene Foxworth
Ed Drane
Ed Burgess
Jim Timmerman
Bill Lawrence

Other Attendees

Tom Kohlsaat
Stuart Greeter
Steve Bennett
Doug Rayner
Roger Jones
John Cely
John Nelson
Brock Conrad
Larry Robinson
Mark Dutton
Barry Beasley
Mike Trinckley

Members Absent

Nell Smith
Claudette Cureton
Chuck Compton

Chairman Gauthreaux called the November 19 meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board (HTAB) to order. The August 20 minutes were approved as presented. Dr. Gauthreaux presented Christie Fant with an honorary plaque and thanked her for her service on the board. Dr. Gauthreaux introduced Bill Lawrence and Mike Trinckley.

Budget Committee

Tom Kohlsaat passed out a copy of the proposed Heritage Land Trust Fund (HLTF) budget and explained the proposed expenditures and balances.

Cultural Areas Committee

Dr. Rippeteau explained the proposed criteria for evaluating archaeological sites and a motion to adopt those criteria passed unanimously. Dr. Rippeteau also reported on the Charles Pinckney House in Mount Pleasant. A motion was passed that the Cultural Areas Committee will investigate the situation and report on it at the next meeting. A motion was passed that the Cultural Areas Committee will look into obtaining additional staff and a plan on how to approach protection of cultural areas. Dr. Timmerman asked that the Committee also look into existing legislation to see which agencies currently have authority to protect historic sites. The Board reviewed a tape on the Hilton Head Museum. Ed Drane and Michael Trinckley described the Fish Haul Creek Archaeological Site and the Board passed a motion to approve it as a protection project. Ed Drane said that he was hoping for a joint project between the town of Hilton Head, the Hilton Head Museum, PRT and HTP.

Natural Areas Committee

Dr. Batson reported on six proposed protection projects which were: the Tilghman property, Buzzard Roost Natural Area, Hartsville Airport Sandhill Scrub-oaks, Watchcall Creek Bay, Stony Lake Bay, and Barton Bay. The Board approved these as protection projects and recommended purchase of the Tilghman property. Chairman Gauthreaux agreed to appoint a committee to study the proposed Capers Island Management Plan and make recommendations to the Board. A motion to that effect was passed.

Comments from the Executive Director

Dr. Timmerman reported that the Wildlife Department expects to acquire Springfield Plantation near Bear Island and the Westinghouse Property in Anderson County. The Wildlife Department may be looking at a 5% budget reduction next fiscal year. Dr. Timmerman asked that an update on Operation HELP be put on the agenda for the next HTAB meeting.

Protection Projects Update

Stuart Greeter reported on the Anderson Bunched Arrowhead Registration and the Rice Bunched Arrowhead Registration, which were both approved by the Board. Stuart thanked Claudette Cureton for her help with the Greenville County Legislative Delegation.

Update on Protection Project Planning Process

Tom Kohlsaet summarized the process that the staff follows to determine which natural area protection projects are recommended to the Board for purchase. He noted that the possibilities expand as more money becomes available. The Board will therefore be receiving proposals for projects that do not involve endangered species. i.e. mature plant communities, macro-preserves, and river corridors.

Update on Caroling Bay Survey

Steve Bennett presented an overview of the Carolina Bay survey and an analysis of the rate of loss of bays and possibilities for their protection. He observed that to protect 27 bays, which represents only 1% of the original population of bays, we will need to increase our rate of success at acquiring bays.

Statewide Rivers Assessment

Barry Beasley described the Rivers Assessment that was conducted by the Water Resources Commission and passed out a draft report on river rankings. He hopes that organizations like the HTAB will use the information when making decisions about land protection. He noted that the Little Pee Dee River ranks high with conservation values and therefore the study would support protection of the Tilghman property.

Other Business

Stuart Greeter reported on the Delk Easement, which had been approved in principle at a previous HTAB meeting. Because of unanswered legal questions a decision was postponed until a later meeting.

Schedule Next HTAB Meeting

The next HTAB meeting was scheduled for February 11 at 2:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned.

Projected Heritage Land Trust Fund Activity - 1988

	Debits	Credits	Balance
Starting Balance			1,069,000
Approved Expenditures-Probable in '88			
Tilghman property	50,000		
Bennett's Bay Addition	80,000		
Cartwheel Bay Addition	145,000		
Lewis Ocean Bay	800,000		
Flat Creek Addition	50,000		
Little Pee Dee State Park Bay	80,000		
Woods Bay Addition	42,000		

SUBTOTAL	1,247,000		
Proposed Expenditures			
Pinckney House (Snee Farm)	100,000		
Fish Haul Creek	100,000		
Bunched Arrowhead III	71,000		
Buzzard Roost	106,000		
Mountain Pitcher Plant	245,000		
Dukes Bay	363,000		

SUBTOTAL	985,000		
Projected 1988 Revenue		1,300,000	

TOTALS	2,232,000	1,300,000	137,000
Approved Expenditures-No Time Frame			
Long Branch Bay	80,000		
Lewis Ocean Bay II	800,000		
Savannah River Bluffs Addition	332,000		
York Subdivision Outcrop	13,000		
Branchville Bay	50,000		
Dalzell Bay	50,000		
Halfway Gut Branch Bay	30,000		
Reevesville Bay	20,000		

	1,375,000		

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Heritage Land Trust Fund Activity, 1986 & 1987

	Debits	Credits	Balance
1986 Revenue & Expenditures			
Savannah River Bluffs	205,000		
Cartwheel Bay	249,000		
Bennett's Bay	135,000		
Savage Bay	1,000		
Appropriation for Savannah River Bluffs		400,000	
1986 Revenue		341,000	
	590,000	741,000	151,000
 1987 Revenue & Expenditures			
Bunched Arrowhead I	156,000		
Flat Creek Addition	50,000		
Nipper Creek	45,000		
Bunched Arrowhead II	190,000		
1987 Revenue		1,359,000	
	441,000	1,359,000	1,069,000

Projected Heritage Land Trust Fund Activity - 1988

	Debits	Credits	Balance
Starting Balance			1,069,000
1988 Revenue and Expenditures			
Revenue to Date		604,000	
Bunched Arrowhead III	62,000		1,611,000
Approved Expenditures-Probable in '88			
Tilghman property	65,000		
Bennett's Bay Addition	80,000		
Cartwheel Bay Addition	145,000		
Flat Creek Addition	50,000		
Little Pee Dee State Park Bay	80,000		
Woods Bay Addition	42,000		
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Fish Haul Creek	100,000		
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Mountain Pitcher Plant	245,000		
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SUBTOTAL	1,376,000		
Proposed Expenditures			
Ashmore Tract Addition	220,000		
Sandhills Bay	140,000		
Buzzard Roost Addition	222,000		
Flat Creek Addition	70,000		
Woods Bay Addition	33,000		
SUBTOTAL	685,000		
Projected Additional 1988 Revenue		696,000	
TOTALS	2,123,000	1,300,000	246,000
Approved Expenditures-No Time Frame			
Long Branch Bay	80,000		
Lewis Ocean Bay I	800,000		
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