

MINUTES
HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD
NOVEMBER 19, 1992, COLUMBIA, S.C.

Members Present

- Mr. Ed Drane
- Dr. John Dean
- Mr. Whit Gibbons
- Mr. Jim Crawford
Mr. Michael Ray
Ms. Wendy Parks
Ms. Isabel Hill
Mr. Joe F. Watson
Dr. George Vogt
Ms. Mary Edmonds
Dr. James Timmerman

Others Present

Stuart Greeter
Joe Mills
Jonathan Lender
Mike Creel
Mike Smith
Steve Bennett
Linda Lundquist
John Cely
Lee Tippett
Bert Pittman
Chris Judge
Billy McTeer
Brock Conrad
Dan Dobbins

Members absent

Dr. Bruce Rippeteau
- Ms. Claudette Cureton
Mr. Marion Burnside
Mr. Bill Lawrence
Dr. Overton G. Ganong

Chairman Drane called the November 19 meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board to order. A motion was made by John Dean and seconded by Tony Merck to approve the minutes of the August 20 HTAB meeting. The motion passed.

Comments from the Executive Director

Dr. Timmerman reported that the Budget and Control Board would convene their December 7 meeting at the Donnelly Wildlife Center in the A.C.E. Basin. In his comments about the budget, Dr. Timmerman, reported that the Wildlife Department has experienced a \$2.5 million reduction in its base budget over the past three years. For the 1993-94 budget, the State of South Carolina expects total available general funds of \$69 million and total major commitments & compelling items of \$335 million. As indicated, compelling items far exceed available funds inferring another rough year ahead fiscally.

Dan Dobbins, the S.C.W.M.R.D. legislative liaison, reported that the executive office would be presenting to the Commission for approval, a legislative proposal to increase the Heritage Land Trust Fund to its original amount. The return of these funds to the Heritage Land Trust Fund is part of the number one priority of the Department.

Dr. Timmerman recommended that staff contact HTAB members to talk to various people encouraging assistance in securing funds for the Heritage Land Trust Fund.

Request for Easements on Heritage Preserves

Stuart Greeter presented the Commission policy for reviewing request easements on Wildlife Department-Owned property. He then recommended a Heritage Trust Advisory Board procedure for reviewing request for easements on Heritage Preserves. A motion was made by George Vogt and seconded by Tony Merck to approve the procedure. The motion passed.

Stuart Greeter reported a request for easement by a private land owner for a powerline on the Ashmore Heritage Preserve. Chairman Drane advised Mr. Greeter to study the request and provide recommendations at the February meeting.

Nongame & Heritage Trust Operating Budget

Tom Kohlsaet presented the organizational chart for the S.C.W.M.R.D., and how its budget was broken down by division and section. The Department budget was \$35 million, the W.F.W.F. Division's was \$10 million, and the NGHT's was approximately \$1 million. Almost all of the state funds for the NGHT go to salaries while almost all operation funds come from donations. The carryover from check off is in sharp decline and emphasis is on reducing expenditures and recruiting soft money funding.

Survey work continues with 613 identified species in South Carolina. Of these, the status of 382 are secured, 29 endangered, and 202 unknown.

Cultural Areas Committee

Dr. George Vogt reported that there would be a dedication ceremony for the Pacolet River Soapstone Quarry, December 4, 1992 in Spartanburg County.

Chris Judge reported that the required archaeological survey of the Fort Lamar property had been canceled by the owners after it was 90% complete. There is no indication as to the landowners' intentions, but the Heritage Trust will proceed with the acquisition of the earthwork and surrounding acreage.

The Greenshell Enclosure Management Plan was presented by Chris Judge. A motion was made by George Vogt and seconded by John Dean to approve the plan. The motion passed.

Natural Areas Committee

Bert Pittman reported on the Helianthus site in York County and the Oxypolis site in Clarendon County. A motion was made by Whit Gibbons and seconded by George Vogt to approve both sites. The

motion passed.

A motion was made by Whit Gibbons and seconded by Wendy Parks to go into executive session. The Motion passed. Upon returning from executive session a motion was made by Whit Gibbons and seconded by John Dean to approve Bay Point Island and Lewis Ocean Bay Addition as protection projects. The motion passed.

Budget Committee

A motion was made by John Dean and seconded by George Vogt to approve the budget as presented during the Executive Session. The motion passed.

Other Business

Meeting dates for 1993 will be:

1. February 4
2. May 6
3. August 5
4. November 4

Committee Appointments:

Natural Areas Committee

1. Dr. Whit Gibbons, Chairman
2. Dr. John Dean
3. Wendy Parks
4. Joe Frank Watson
5. Michael Ray
6. Dr. John Nelson
7. Tony Merck

Budget Committee

1. Hugh Ryan, Chairman
2. Isabel Hill
3. Dr. Timmerman
4. Jim Crawford

Cultural Areas Committee

1. Dr. George Vogt, Chairman
2. Dr. Bruce Rippeteau
3. Mary Edmonds
4. Don Barker
5. Chris Judge

Strategic Planning Committee

1. Tom Kohlsaas, Chairman
2. Dr. Whit Gibbons
3. Hugh Ryan
4. Dr. George Vogt

Recommendations have been made to the Governor to appoint Terry Ferguson as representative for the 4th district, to extend Jim Crawford's appointment to a 6 year term, and to appoint Tony Merck as an official Heritage Trust Advisory Board member.

The next meeting date was set for February 4 in Columbia and a motion was passed to adjourn the meeting.

Adjourn

Heritage Land Trust Fund Approved Expenditures to Jan. 1993
11-17-92

Approx. Jan. 1992 Cash Balance: 3,617,000
Revenues Expected by Jan. 1, 1993: 1,219,000

Less: 1992 Expenditures

Savage Bay Addn. (McPhatter)	Kershaw	19,000
Ashe & Beet Islands	Colleton	9,000
Lynchburg Savannah	Lee	108,000
LPD River (Ward)	Marion	104,000
Blackwell Bunched Arrowhead	Greenville	22,000
Mary's Is. Appraisal	Colleton	5,000
Statewide Archeaol. Survey II	Statewide	30,000
Roadwork & Gates	Statewide	24,000

(321,000)

Total Cash Available in 1992: 4,515,000

Less: Commitments

Bennett's Bay Addition	Clarendon	60,000
Black Creek	Darlington	37,000
Steven's Creek Addn. (FPB)	McCormick	131,000
LPD River Addn. (GP)	Marion	5,275,000
LPD River Addn. (Huggins)	Horry	250,000
Fort Lamar	Charleston	318,000
Spartanburg Soapstone Outcrops	Spartanburg	234,000
LPD River (Townsend)	Horry	66,000
Ferguson's Mountain	York	261,000
Black Creek	Darlington	37,000
Lewis Ocean Bay Addn.	Horry	841,000
Roadwork at Vaughn & McCall	Horry & Dar	20,000
Contract Employee	Statewide	30,000
Inst. of Arch. & Anth. Contract	Statewide	35,000

Proposed Addition (11-19-92)
Cathedral Bay Addn. Bamberg 33,000

(7,628,000)

TOTAL SHORTFALL THROUGH JAN. 1, 1993 (3,113,000)
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HERITAGE LAND TRUST FUND BUDGET

11-17-92

January 1, 1992 Balance:

3,617,000

Less: Expenditures to Date:

ACRES

Savage Bay (McPhatter)	3	19,000
Ashe & Beet Islands	3,442	9,000
Lynchburg Savannah	276	108,000
LPD River (Ward)	271	104,000
Blackwell Bunched Arrowhead	5	22,000
Mary's Is. Appraisal		5,000
Statewide Archeaol. Sur. II		30,000
Roadwork & Gates		24,000

TOTAL	3,997	321,000	(321,000)
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Average Cost = \$80 / Acre

Expected 1992 Expenditures:

ACRES

LPD River (Huggins)	781	250,000
Spartanburg Soapstone	276	234,000
LPD River (Townsend)	190	66,000
Lewis Ocean Bay	985	841,000
Black Creek	475	37,000

TOTAL	2,707	1,428,000	(1,428,000)
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Average Cost = \$528 / Acre

Total Expected 1992 Expenditures	(1,749,000)
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Average Cost for 6,704 Acres = \$ 261 / Acre

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Projected Balance, Jan. 1, 1993	3,087,000
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Proposed Addition (11-19-92)

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Green's Shell Gate	Beaufort	1,000

(7,592,000)

TOTAL SHORTFALL THROUGH JAN. 1, 1993 (3,077,000)
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