

MINUTES  
Heritage Trust Advisory Board  
Wednesday, November 20, 1985  
Rembert C. Dennis Building, Columbia, SC

Members Present

Sid Gauthreaux (Chairman)  
Arthur Ravenel  
Joe Watson (for Fred Brinkman)  
Wade Batson  
Claudette Cureton  
Christie Fant  
Fran Eargle  
Gurdon Tarbox  
Pete Pearce  
Bruce Rippeteau (Vice Chairman)  
Miles Knight (for C. R. Nichols)  
Michael Ray  
Jim Timmerman

Other Attendees

Stuart Greeter  
Tom Kohlsaatt  
Dan Dobbins  
Doug Rayner  
John Cely  
Jim Sorrow  
Mark Dutton  
Albert Goodyear  
Trish Jerman  
John Nelson  
Langdon Edmunds  
Roger Jones  
Steve Bennett  
Douglas Morrow  
Sally Murphy

Members Absent

Bob Lumpkin  
Ed Drane  
Henry Savage  
Ed Burgess

Dr. Gauthreaux called the meeting of the S.C. Heritage Trust Advisory Board to order at 10:00 AM. The September 6 meeting minutes were corrected on page two to read, "Archives and History awarded the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism a \$5,000 grant to develop a cultural easement legislative package." Bruce Rippeteau presented Steve Bennett with the first print of a shell gorget, which was drawn by Darby Erd from the original which resides in the Bennett family. Steve, a biologist with the Heritage Trust Program, made the print available to raise money for the South Carolina Institute of Archeology. Sid recognized Representative Pete Pearce, a recently appointed HTAB member, Miles Knight who was attending for C. R. Nichols, and Fran Eargle who will take Pat Walker's place.

Budget Committee

Senator Ravenel and Tom Kohlsaatt passed out a proposed budget for the expenditure of land acquisition funds. A copy is attached. That budget allows for some discretion depending on which property may become available. A motion was passed to approve the proposed budget.

### Cultural Area Committee

Christie Fant reported that History Day, held in the chamber of the House of Representatives, was a success and thanked various individuals for their participation. Langdon Edmunds reported that Archives and History awarded a contract to Richard Roddewig and Associates. The consulting firm will summarize existing easement programs in the United States, draft legislation to implement an easement program in South Carolina, and make recommendations on the administration of the program.

### Natural Areas Committee

Wade Batson described the significance of a number of potential protection projects. The Advisory Board approved the following protection projects: Stoney Landing, Cooter Bay, County Line Bay, Guise Bay, Halfway Gut Branch Bays, Junkyard Bay, Moore's Corner Bay, Reevesville Bay, Sandhill Bay and Santee Coastal Reserve Bay.

### Report on Land Procurement Committee

Dr. Timmerman reported that the current state budget includes \$100,000 for Heritage Trust land acquisition. He is attempting to increase that to \$500,000. The Wildlife Department generates \$9 million per year in revenues. Those revenues have reached a plateau and the Department needs a \$500,000 increase each year to meet salaries. In addition, the Department has lost Game Management Area (GMA) land at an alarming rate and owns less land than any other southeastern state wildlife agency. The Governor appointed a committee to study the Department's property needs.

Dan Dobbins reported on the committee's recommendations. The committee's recommendations included increased hunting license and GMA fees and establishment of a "habitat surcharge." A revenue bond fund could be established to purchase property now. Department revenues could then be used to repay the bonds over a 20 year period. Approximately 120,000 acres of land could be purchased.

Senator Ravenel stated that he felt the Heritage Trust Program needs \$1 million per year for land acquisition.

Sid Gauthreaux stated that the proposed funding sources were sound but he was concerned about the selection of properties for acquisition. Dr. Timmerman stated that Heritage Trust Program concerns would be considered.

Senator Ravenel stated that the Heritage Trust Program is not competitive with the Land Procurement Committee but complimentary. He requested that staff determine how much needs to be imposed as a "real estate transfer fee" to raise \$1 million per year.

Sid Gauthreaux asked about citizen surveys. Trish Jerman said the Governor's Council on Natural Resources and the Environment indicated a strong inclination toward land preservation. Joe Watson said PRT conducted a study that showed natural areas protection to be the most important item among park users.

### Update on Protection Projects

Stuart Greeter stated that the Heritage Trust Program recently purchased 80 acres at Savannah River Bluffs, which is now dedicated, and 40 acres at Shealy's Pond in Lexington County. A new protection projects list was mailed out to members.

### Rules and Regulations for Flat Creek Natural Area

The rules and regulations for Flat Creek Natural Area were voted on by mail because of the time constraints involved. HTAB members approved those regulations and they have now been submitted to the legislature.

### Other Business

Steve Bennett invited everyone to Savannah River Bluffs for a press reception on December 3 at 11:00 AM.

Jim Sorrow presented a slide show on the peregrine falcon restoration project.

Dr. Gauthreaux presented Claudette Cureton with a plaque recognizing her efforts on the Advisory Board and thanked her for her outstanding work.

The next HTAB meeting was scheduled for February 20, in Columbia , at 10:00 AM.

Dr. Gauthreaux appointed Fran Eargle to the Natural Areas Committee and the Budget Committee.

The meeting was adjourned.

Attachment

HERITAGE TRUST LAND ACQUISITION BUDGET, 11/20/85

Income and Matching Funds	
TNC/Goodhill Foundation	100,000
Heritage Land Trust Fund	400,000
Recreation Land Trust Fund	
Committed to Heritage Trust	87,500
Check for Wildlife Funds	
Committed to Heritage Trust	145,000
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	TOTAL 732,500
Less: Expenditures	
Savannah River Bluffs, Phase 1	292,000
Shealy's Pond (Church Tract)	52,000
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Unexpended Balance	388,500
Less: Proposed Expenditures	
Savannah River Bluffs, Phase 2	350,000
Saggitaria site, undetermined	
Carolina Bay, or Hoyt-Cooke	
addition to Flat Creek	
Natural Area	70,000
Expenses (surveys, appraisals, etc.)	15,000
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Projected Shortfall	-46,500



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HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD  
THURSDAY, MAY 22, 1986  
DENNIS BUILDING, COLUMBIA, S. C.

Members Present

Sid Gauthreaux  
Ed Drane  
Gurdon Tarbox  
Pete Pearce  
Bruce Rippeteau  
John Hassell  
Christie Fant  
Claudette Cureton  
Fran Eargle  
Henry Savage  
Robert Lumpkin  
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C. R. Nichols  
Joe Watson  
Roger Stroup  
Wade Batson

Other Attendees

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Tom Kohlsaat  
LaBruce Alexander  
Nancy Stone-Collum  
Doug Rayner  
Albert Goodyear  
Roger Jones  
Mark Dutton  
Marion Edmonds  
Langdon Edmunds  
Michael Foley  
Zach Corontzes  
John Nelson  
Steve Bennett

Members Absent

Arthur Ravenel

Chairman Gauthreaux called the May 22 meeting of the Heritage Trust Advisory Board to order. Dr. Gauthreaux introduced John Hassell who is the new representative from the Budget and Control Board. The February 20 meeting minutes were approved.

Budget Committee

Tom Kohlsaat reported that Senator Ravenel needed to be present in the Senate and could not attend the meeting. Mr. Kohlsaat thanked all the Board members, especially Pete Pearce, and non-members LaBruce Alexander, and Nancy Stone-Collum for their help with the documentary stamp tax legislation. Copies of a proposed budget were passed out to members. After reviewing the proposed budget, a motion was made and passed to approve expenditures for protection projects as listed (copy attached to minutes).

Cultural Areas Committee

Christie Fant reported that she and others had met with a realtor representing the Trinity Cathedral Foundation to discuss the Nipper Creek archaeological site. The realtor was asked about a six month option and an offer was made for the property. The church is currently considering the offer.

Ed Drane reported that he and others met with three of the nine owners of Auldbrass Plantation. The owners will have an appraisal completed on the property. Ed Drane will estimate the cost of restoration and maintenance. Ed



Drane also discussed Auldbrass Plantation with the State Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. They offered to support the protection project. The Clemson Architectural Foundation was identified as a potential long term owner of the property. A letter has been sent asking the Foundation to consider this proposal.

Mike Foley reported that the consultant hired by the Departments of Archives and History and Parks, Recreation and Tourism has delivered a draft report on a proposed easement program for South Carolina. The report recommends certain legislative changes and he asked for interested persons to please review and comment on it.

#### Natural Areas Committee

Dr. Batson described the significance and location of two proposed protection projects called Congaree River Bluffs and Pee Dee Islands. The Board voted to approve both projects.

#### Protection Projects Update

LaBruce Alexander reported that TNC transferred the Tillman Sand Ridge property to the state at a ceremony held in the Governor's Office. TNC has purchased 60 acres in Kershaw County to protect a Carolina Bay. Options have been obtained on another 73 acres at Flat Creek Natural Area and on Cartwheel Bay.

Stuart Greeter described the dedication agreement which covered the final four properties at Flat Creek Natural Area. The Board voted to recommend Commission approval of that dedication agreement. The Board had approved the deed and dedication agreement for Tillman Sand Ridge earlier with mail in ballots. Mr. Greeter described registration agreements for the Santee Coastal Reserve Bays, Goose Creek Eagle Nest, and Egg Bank. The Board voted to recommend Commission approval of the registrations. Dr. Gauthreaux commended Henry Savage for his work on Carolina Bays and asked that the Board consider naming the Kershaw County Bay as "Savage Bay Preserve." The Board voted in the affirmative.

#### Swallow-tailed Kite Project

John Cely presented slides and a very interesting lecture on his work with swallow-tailed kites.

#### Next HTAB Meeting

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for August 21 at Springmaid Beach.



I. HERITAGE TRUST LAND ACQUISITION BUDGET STATUS, 5/22/86

HERITAGE LAND TRUST FUND	
1985-86 APPROPRIATION	400,000
SAVANNAH RIVER BLUFFS	-204,500
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UNEXPENDED BALANCE	195,500
BALANCE IS RESERVED FOR SAVANNAH RIVER BLUFFS PROJECT UNTIL DOCUMENTARY STAMP TAX INCREASE PASSES	
CHECKOFF FUNDS	
1985-86 ALLOCATION	145,000
SHEALY'S POND (CHURCH PROPERTY)	-52,000
COWBONE BAY	-50,000
SURVEYS, APPRAISALS, ETC	-3,250
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UNEXPENDED BALANCE	39,750
OTHER FUNDS	
FEDERAL (SAGITTARIA)	30,000
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TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	265,250
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II. SAVANNAH RIVER BLUFFS PROJECT ACCOUNTING

HERITGE LAND TRUST FUND (HLTF)	400,000
RECEATION LAND TRUST FUND (RLTF)	87,500
TNC/GOODHILL MATCH	100,000
FIRST PURCHASE	
HLTF	-204,500
RLTF	-87,500
TNC EQUITY IN SURPLUS PROPERTY	60,000
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UNEXPENDED BALANCE	355,500
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III. PROPOSED EXPENDITURES FROM THE HERITAGE LAND TRUST FUND IF DOCUMENTARY STAMP TAX INCREASE PASSES. THESE ARE HIGH PRIORITY SITES PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE BOARD

SAVANNAH RIVER BLUFFS	195,500
JUNKYARD BAY	100,600
CARTWHEEL BAY	250,000
NIPPER CREEK	40,000
CATHEDRAL BAY	35,000
SAGITTARIA SITES	100,000
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TOTAL	721,100
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HT BUDGET 85-86

EXPENDITURES	FEDERAL		CHECKOFF		APPROPRIATED	
	ALLOCATED	SPENT	ALLOCATED	SPENT	ALLOCATED	SPENT
PERSONAL SERVICES	24,500.00	14,791.39	17,262.00	9,137.48	9,328.00	9,384.16
SPECIAL CONTRACT SERV.	0.00	0.00	14,744.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CONTRACTUAL SERV.	22,400.00	17,873.54	35,261.00	15,464.45	13,375.00	13,616.81
SUPPLIES	16,000.00	8,498.15	7,600.00	5,135.07	8,600.00	7,219.37
FIXED CHARGES & CONTR.	5,400.00	2,400.00	5,100.00	675.22	17,801.00	17,229.92
TRAVEL	4,000.00	2,272.73	6,000.00	3,001.83	4,075.00	3,723.92
EQUIPMENT	39,000.00	33,283.05	23,800.00	18,020.56	0.00	0.00
ELECTRIC & GAS	700.00	536.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TRANSPORTATION	3,000.00	854.68	6,000.00	1,777.71	4,931.00	4,631.66
FRINGE BENEFITS	1,936.00	1,128.65	1,727.00	816.04	0.00	0.00
PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BOOKS	0.00	0.00	300.00	15.45	0.00	0.00
LAND PURCHASES	0.00	0.00	145,000.00	51,000.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL:	116,936.00	81,639.10	272,794.00	105,043.81	58,110.00	55,805.84
PERCENT SPENT:		70%		39%		96%