

SC HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 2, 1995
FORT JACKSON, COLUMBIA, SC

Members Present

Dr. Whit Gibbons (Chairman)
Dr. Terry Ferguson (V. Chairman)
Mr. Tony Merck
Mr. Jack Lunn
Dr. John Mark Dean
Dr. George Vogt
Mr. Cary Chamblee
Dr. Jon Leader (for Bruce Rippeteau)
Mr. Joe Mills (for Hugh Ryan)
Mr. Mike Foley (for Grace Young)
Mr. Brock Conrad (for Dr. Timmerman)
Mr. Billy McTeer (for Joe Edens)
Mr. R. Benjamin Scott, III

Others Present

Kathy Boyle
John Cely
Steve Bennett
Greg Lucas
Chris Judge
Tom Kohlsaas
Stuart Greeter
Bert Pittman

Members Absent

Mr. Bruce Sahlman
Dr. Overton Ganong

Dr. Gibbons called the meeting to order and prior to calling the roll asked Tom Kohlsaas to address the Board on the meeting, current projects underway on Fort Jackson, and also on the joint social with The Nature Conservancy Board at the Dallan Weather's house. Dr. Gibbons then called the roll.

Approval of August 3 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by John Dean and seconded by Terry Ferguson to approve the minutes of the August 3, 1995, Heritage Trust Advisory Board meeting. The motion was approved by vote of the Board.

Dr. Gibbons then called on Stuart Greeter to distribute copies of the agenda for the meeting. Stuart also distributed a current HTAB membership name and address list. Copies of three news releases highlighting Heritage Trust were also circulated.

Comments from the Executive Director

Brock Conrad stated on behalf of Dr. Timmerman there were no comments.

Other Business

User Fees/License Guides/EcoTourism

Dr. Gibbons called on Tom Kohlsaas to speak on user fees for DNR properties, including heritage preserves. Tom explained that Heritage Trust's enabling legislation authorizes up to \$5.00 per person to visit heritage preserves. At the request of the DNR Board, Heritage Trust staff have been asked to look into the situation. Tom Kohlsaas was initiating at DNR Board member Mary Pope Waring's request, a study into the feasibility of user fees, licensing guides, and the potential of ecotourism on heritage preserves. The first concern was whether revenues would cover the costs of collecting user fees. Tom Kohlsaas reminded the Board that Stuart Greeter addressed them at a previous meeting on licensing guides who conduct ecotourism on Heritage Trust properties. Tom Kohlsaas then asked for discussion and comments from the HTAB. John Dean asked if there was a synthesis of what had been done in other states. Tom responded that a long time ago a letter survey of other states had been conducted to assess the situation. Other states have had mixed results with no states making lots of money. Texas had introduced a passport system and had collected \$30,000. Tom Kohlsaas distributed a handout draft on notes from a discussion with Mary Pope Waring regarding non-consumptive user fees.

Committee Reports

Cultural Areas - George Vogt apologized for having to leave early to present "The Historical Atlas of Rice Plantations in the ACE Basin" project to the TNC Board. The project is a joint benefit of South Carolina Department of Archives & History (SCDAH) Foundation, TNC, and Ducks Unlimited to be published in early spring 1996. Dr. Vogt reported on items discussed during the Cultural Areas Subcommittee meeting held earlier that day.

Palmetto Fort Easements

The Cultural Areas Subcommittee approved the substance of the easements but had noticed a discrepancy in the wetlands acreage between the written easement property description and the plat of the property attached as Exhibit A. Vogt recommended the HTAB approve the proposed easement language and that the discrepancy be amended. The motion was moved and seconded. The motion was approved.

Gopher Branch Management Plan

George Vogt stated that the Cultural Areas Subcommittee had examined the management plan for Gopher Branch Heritage Preserve and asked the HTAB to approve it as sent out in the meeting packet. The motion was seconded and approved by the HTAB.

Ford's Skull Creek Shell Rings

George Vogt stated that the general recommendation of the Cultural Areas Subcommittee was that Heritage Trust should proceed to acquire the Ford's Shell Ring if and only if, the grant proposal submitted to the US Fish & Wildlife Service is funded. The budget would be discussed further down in the November 2 agenda during Executive Session.

Recategorizing the Heritage Trust 100 List of Critically Significant Cultural Properties

Dr. Vogt explained that the Cultural Areas Subcommittee was going to work with Chris Judge to categorize the list into types of sites and determine which site types may be threatened. Dr. Vogt cited the fact that two ironworks sites had been lost because the Heritage Trust Program was not able to act quickly enough. The Cultural Areas Subcommittee desires to streamline our acquisition approach.

Natural Areas Committee

Dr. Gibbons called on Dr. Dean who noted that the Shealy's Pond management plan listed on the agenda was not ready and would not be presented at this meeting.

Dr. Dean noted that the Natural Areas Committee had a discussion of cataract bog areas in Caesar's Head State Park and that the Heritage Trust staff was going to develop registration proposals to present to the HTAB at a later date.

The Little Pee Dee large area project was discussed and reviewed as well as the concept of large area planning in general. The Little Pee Dee project was a budget item to be discussed in Executive Session.

The Natural Areas Committee also discussed the Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative that was presented on August 3 by Tom Kohlsaas at the Forestry Association meeting. The Natural Areas Committee agreed that this initiative must be on the table with all dimensions of biodiversity including plants as well as nongame animals and habitat.

The nature-based/ecotourism topic, focussing on the Little Pee Dee and the Mountain Bridge Area, was also discussed during the committee meeting. Particularly the opportunity that exists for partnerships between SCDNR, PRT, and the Department of Commerce.

Budget Committee

A motion was approved to enter Executive Session.

The HTAB then returned to regular session and a motion was made to approve the budget as presented including the acquisition of Ford's Skull Shell Ring contingent on a successful grant from US Fish &

Wildlife Service, and acquisition of the Little Pee Dee Woodbury Tract. An upgrade of Heritage Trust staff computers was also approved.

Prior to the vote to approve the budget Tony Merck asked if a computer purchase was authorized under the Heritage Trust enabling legislation. Tom Kohlsaas and Stuart Greeter assured Tony that it was an expense directly related to land acquisition and was an authorized expense.

John Dean, as a final note, stated that George Vogt had suggested that the Chairman appoint a small group to have a planning session to maximize resources via partnership. Dr. Vogt offered to host a session which would be reported at a future HTAB meeting. Dr. Gibbons suggested that the three committee chairs Tony Merck, George Vogt, and John Dean along with Mike Foley, Billy McTeer, and R. Benjamin Scott, III make up that committee, and he appointed those individuals.

The 1996 meetings will be February 15, May 16, August 22 and November 14.

Adjourn.

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Heritage Land Trust Fund Approved Expenditures:

Oct. 5, 1995

Approx. January 1, 1995 Cash Balance:	1,703,000
1986-90 Interest Accumulations:	504,000
Revenues Expected by December 30, 1995:	1,800,000 (+300,000)
1996 Revenues	1,800,000 (+300,000)

Less:

1995 Expenditures and Obligations:

Craig Pond Conserv. Ease.	Aiken	0
Rock Hill Blackjacks-Albright	York	(167,000)
Waccamaw River Addn.-Burroughs	Horry	(7,000)
Waccamaw River Addn.-Schultz	Horry	(411,000)
Aiken Co. Gopher Tortoise	Aiken	(213,000)
Dungannon Plantation	Charleston	(528,000)
Rock Hill Blackjacks Addn.-City	York	(9,000)
Buzzard Roost Addn.-Radar	Oconee	(122,000)
John Landrum Pottery Site	Aiken	(20,000)

Fixed Costs:

Preserve Management	(60,000)
Archaeology Contract	(35,000)
Land Protection Asst.	(35,000)
Roadwork, Gates and Signs (Pac. Wacc. & others)	(23,000) (+9,000)

(1,630,000)

Total Cash Available in 1995:

4,177,000

Less Commitments:

Cathedral Bay Addn.	Bamberg	(33,000)
Stoney Creek Battery	Beaufort	(28,000)
South Williman Island	Beaufort	0
Captain Cannons Sheep Pasture	Darlington	(89,000) (-174,000)
Hitchcock Woods	Aiken	(6,000) (-9,000)
Henderson HP Addn.-Boyleston	Aiken	(57,000)
LPDHP Addn.-White	Horry	(48,000)
Dargan HP Addn.-IP	Horry	(883,000) (-17,000)
Lynchburg Savannah-Clark	Lee	(585,000) (-40,000)
Old Island-TNC	Beaufort	0
Rock Hill Blackjacks-Marshall	York	(162,000)
Aiken Gopher Tortoise HP Addn.	Aiken	(292,000) (-64,000)
Brasstown Creek	Oconee	(481,000)
Daws Island	Beaufort	(66,000)

Fixed Costs:

Segars HP Footbridge	Darlington	(30,000) (+15,000)
Access Facilities	Statewide	(31,000) (-9,000)
Bennett's Bay Reforestation	Clarendon	(15,000)

(2,806,000)

Proposed Additions (11-2-95):

Ford's Shell Ring	Beaufort	(397,000)
LPD River-Woodbury	Marion	(2,224,000)
Computer Upgrade	Statewide	(13,000)

(2,634,000)

CURRENT ESTIMATED BALANCE ON January 1, 1997

(1,263,000)

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Approved Expenditures - No Time Frame:

Dukes Bay	Hampton	363,000
Long Branch Bay	Barnwell	80,000
Savannah River Bluffs Addn.	Aiken	332,000
York Subdivision Outcrop	York	30,000
Branchville Bay	Orangeburg	50,000
Dalzell Bay	Sumter	50,000
Halfway Gut Branch Bay	Dorchester	30,000
Reevesville Bay	Dorchester	20,000
Barton Bay	Allendale	255,000
Mt. Pleasant Church Bay	Lee	82,000
Hazel Lake	Aiken	939,000
Sandhills Bay	Clarendon	159,000
Saluda County Highponds	Saluda	54,000
Cartwheel Bay Addn.	Horry	145,000
Glassy Mountain Addn.	Pickens	395,000
Fort Lamar	Charleston	318,000
Little Pee Dee River-IP	Marion	2,546,000
Fish Haul Creek	Beaufort	100,000

	TOTAL:	5,948,000

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

HERITAGE LAND TRUST FUND PROJECTED BUDGET

10-5-95

January 1, 1995 Balance:	1,703,000
1986-90 Interest Accumulations:	504,000
Expected 1995 Revenues:	1,800,000
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Less 1995 Expenditures:	Acres	
Craig Pond	264	0
Rock Hill Blackjacks	95	167,000
Waccamaw River Addn.	8	7,000
Waccamaw River Addn.	192	411,000
Aiken Gopher Tortoise	366	213,000
Dungannon Plantation	643	528,000
Rock Hill Blackjacks Addn.	73	9,000
Buzzard Roost Addn.	216	122,000
John Landrum Site	11	20,000
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	1,641	1,477,000

Less Fixed Costs:		
Preserve Management		160,000
Archaeology Contract		35,000
Land Protection Asst.		35,000
Roadwork & Gates		23,000
Computer Upgrade		13,000
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TOTAL		266,000

1995 Revenues Available: 2,264,000

Expected 1995 Expenditures:	Acres	
S. Williman Is.	2,760	0
Capt. Cannons	300	89,000
Hitchcock Woods	1,875	15,000
Dargan HP Addn.	1,987	883,000
Old Island-TNC	400	0
Aiken Gopher	487	292,000
Brasstown Creek	465	481,000
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TOTAL	8,274	1,760,000

9,915 Ac @ \$3,255,000 = Average Cost of \$327 / Acre

Total Expected 1995 Expenditures: 3,503,000

Projected Balance, Jan. 1, 1996	<hr style="width: 100%;"/>
	504,000