

MINUTES
HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13,th 1989, 10:00 AM
REMBERT DENNIS BUILDING, COLUMBIA, SC

Members Present

Dr. Bruce Rippeteau (V. Chairman)
Ms. Mary Edmonds
Ms. Claudette Cureton
Mr. Lindsay Pettus
Mr. Ed Drane
Mr. Charles Moore
Mr. Michael Ray
Mr. Larry Cartee (for Dr. Timmerman)
Mr. Joe Frank Watson
Ms. Fran Eargle

Members Absent

Dr. Sid Gauthreaux (Chairman)
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Mr. Wallace Pate
Senator Nell Smith
Mr. Ed Burgess
Dr. Wade Batson
Mr. Chuck Compton

Others Present

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Vice Chairman Rippeteau noted the next meeting will be held on February 1, 1990.

The meeting was adjourned.

Heritage Land Trust Fund Budget Summary for 1989-90
Date: 11-7-89

Project Name	County	Expenditure*
1989 Expenditures:		
Woods Bay Addition I (50%)	Clarendon/Sumter	63,000
Savage Bay Addition	Kershaw	24,000
Flat Creek Addn. (Wall)	Lancaster	141,000
Dargan Addition	Marion	30,000
Flat Creek Addn. (Byrd)	Lancaster	155,000
Lewis Ocean Bay	Horry	2,935,000
Stevens Creek Addition	McCormick	97,000
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		3,445,000
1989-1990 Commitments:		
Flat Creek Addn. (Cooke)	Lancaster	270,000
Bennett's Bay Addition	Clarendon	220,000 (Note 1)
Cartwheel Bay Addition	Horry	145,000
Fish Haul Creek	Beaufort	100,000 (Note 2)
Green's Shell Ring	Beaufort	100,000
Sandhills Bay	Clarendon	159,000
Woods Bay Addition II	Clarendon/Sumter	110,000
Large Areas Planning Grants	Statewide	30,000
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		1,134,000
Proposed Additions to Budget:		
1 Chandler Addition I & II	Greenville	368,000
2 Saluda County Highponds	Saluda	54,000
3 Mount Pleasant Church Bay	Lee	82,000
4 Waccamaw Bridges	Horry	270,000
5 Barton Bay	Allendale	255,000
6 York Subdivision Outcrop	York	30,000
7 Tilghman Addition	Marion	7,000
8 Glassy Mountain	Pickens	170,000
9 Lewis Ocean Bay Addition	Horry	793,000
10 Flat Creek Addn. (Hancock)	Lancaster	88,000
Bunched Arrowhead H.P. Parking	Greenville	26,000
Buzzard Roost H.P. Road Work	Oconee	5,000
Cultural Areas Protection Plan	Statewide	30,000
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		2,178,000
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		TOTAL 6,757,000
Reserved Approp. Sav. R. Bluffs	195,000	
Approx. Cash Avail. Through 1989	4,444,000	
Anticipated Revenue in 1990	2,592,000	
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Approx. Cash Avail. End 1990	7,231,000	
Projected End 1990 Balance		474,000

Note 1: Bennett's Bay Addition was increased from \$120,000 to \$200,000 to cover projected 1990 acquisitions

Note 2: Fish Haul Creek was moved from the "No Time Frame" category to "1989-1990 Commitments"

* All expenditures subject to State accounting procedures and audits.

Approved Expenditures--No Time Frame

Dukes Bay	Hampton	363,000
Long Branch Bay	Barnwell	80,000
Savannah River Bluffs Add'n	Aiken	332,000
Branchville Bay	Orangeburg	50,000
Dalzell Bay	Sumter	50,000
Halfway Gut Branch Bay	Dorchester	30,000
Reevesville Bay	Dorchester	20,000
Little Pee Dee St. Pk. Bay	Dillon	80,000

TOTAL 1,005,000

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