

AGENDA

HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD

September 7, 1978

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1. Approval of the minutes of the June 8 meeting
2. Election of officers
3. Proposed changes to the Heritage Trust Act
4. Old Business — review of current projects
5. New Business — Musgroves Mill and Blackstocks — Mr. Manning  
Tillman Sand Ridge — Staff
6. Presentation on the cultural areas inventory;  
Elizabeth Mallin, S. C. Dept. of Archives & History
7. Adjourn
8. Lunch

## MINUTES

## SOUTH CAROLINA HERITAGE TRUST ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, September 7, 1978, 10:30 a.m.

Dutch Plaza Conference Room

Columbia, S. C.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Walter T. Ahearn  
 (Representing Mr. Leonard A. Kilian, Jr.)  
 Mrs. Constance Armitage  
 Dr. Wade T. Batson  
 Mr. Sam Boykin  
 Mrs. Ethel Jane Bunting  
 Mr. Philip Edwards  
 Mr. Henry Fulmer  
 (Representing Mr. John Parris)  
 Dr. Sid Gauthreaux  
 Rep. Sam Manning  
 Mr. David C. Sennema  
 Dr. Robert Stephenson  
 Dr. James A. Timmerman, Jr.  
 Mr. Ben Williamson

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. H. Wayne Beam, S. C. Coastal Council  
 Mr. Chris Brooks, Water Resources Commission  
 Mr. John Cely, Wildlife Department  
 Mr. Stu Greeter, Wildlife Department  
 Mr. Tom Kohlsaas, Wildlife Department  
 Ms. Julie Lumpkin, Wildlife Department  
 Ms. Elizabeth Mallin, Archives & History Dept.  
 Ms. Jan Mewborn, Wildlife Department  
 Mr. Sam Phillips, Wildlife Department  
 Dr. Doug Rayner, Wildlife Department

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Williamson. The Minutes of the June 8, 1978 meeting were approved.

Election of Officers - The Board recommended the election of officers be postponed until the next meeting in order that nominations be presented at that time. Mr. Williamson appointed a nominating committee consisting of Dr. Batson (Chairman) and Dr. Gauthreaux. The staff was asked to mail an up-to-date membership list with designated proxies.

Dr. Timmerman introduced Mr. Samuel Boykin, a new Appointee to the Heritage Trust Advisory Board representing the S. C. Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission.

Heritage Trust Act - Mr. Kohlsaas explained that the Department is beginning a new procedure for working with the legislature, whereby a package of all proposed legislation dealing with all aspects of the Department's operation will be submitted. Any comments or requests for legislation for that package should be submitted before the end of the year. Suggested improvements to the Heritage Trust Act include adding representatives of the Water Resources Commission and the S. C. Coastal Council to the Advisory Board, and streamlining the process of registration under section 10 of the Act. Staff's recommendations for changes to the Act will be mailed to the Board prior to the next meeting.

Old Business - Mr. Ahearn distributed a list of recommendations to achieve more active participation in meetings. Mr. Ahearn suggested that the Board review the recommendations and requested that the list be incorporated into the minutes. The Board agreed.

Dr. Timmerman suggested that a slide presentation be prepared for the use by Board members in presenting the Heritage Program to various civic groups, garden clubs, etc.

Mr. Sennema suggested that at least once a year the Board have a field trip in place of an indoor meeting. The Board agreed to plan the next meeting in Jasper County. A new meeting date of November 30 was set instead of December 7, to avoid conflicts and increase chances for good weather.

REVIEW OF CURRENT PROJECTS - Mr. Kohlsaas reported that the Angel Oak agreement, which the Board approved by mail, has been executed by Dr. Timmerman and the Oak is now a registered site. Mrs. Bunting distributed a news clipping on Angel Oak. Mr. Sennema suggested getting in touch with the Forestry Commission to investigate the possibility of protecting the tree from lightning and securing the cooperation of the owner in following the Commission's recommendation.

Following a brief discussion of several projects, Mr. Williamson suggested that the staff prepare a summary of the status of each project prior to Board meetings, so that the Board would have a record of progress and discussion in meetings could be shortened. The staff agreed to do so. The staff also agreed to draft a list of criteria for use in evaluating future registration proposals.

FEDERAL ACTIVITY - Mr. Kohlsaas reported that legislation to appropriate money for the National Heritage Trust is dead for this year and no federal money will be available. Mr. Kohlsaas also brought to the Board's attention a letter from Secretary of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus to Senator Thurmond asking the Senator for comments on cultural preservation issues to the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service to help set up its protection program. Dr. Timmerman responded to a request from Senator Thurmond to assist him and stated that the Advisory Board would take the matter up at its next meeting. A copy of Dr. Timmerman's response was distributed at the meeting. Dr. Stephenson suggested that the Board recommend to HCRS that qualified professionals be included on its staff and the grants procedures be simplified. Mr. Kohlsaas will be writing to HCRS expressing the Board's interest. A draft list of recommendations will be drawn up and mailed to the Board. Each member was asked to submit their recommendations to the Heritage staff or Ben Williamson. Mr. Williamson asked the staff to contact Mr. Lee, Mr. Brinkman and Mr. DePass regarding these recommendations.

John Cely, the new preserve manager for the Heritage Trust Program, was introduced. Mr. Cely will be responsible for looking after properties protected under the Heritage Trust.

New Business - Mr. Manning presented a proposal on the Musgroves Mill and Blackstocks sites, noting that they relate to the Heritage Trust both as historic areas and wilderness. Mr. Manning would like the staff to investigate these sites further and report its findings to the Board.

Mr. Kohlsaas made a preliminary report on an investigation conducted by the staff on Tillman Sand Ridge, located in Jasper County near the Savannah River. It has been reported that the gopher tortoise population there was threatened by habitat destruction. Mr. Kohlsaas pointed out that 2/3 matching Federal Endangered Species funds would be available to acquire the essential part of the property. Dr. Stephenson mentioned that there were at least 2 or 3 substantial archaic indian campsite remains on the property. On a motion by Dr. Batson, the Board agreed that the property has merit as a Heritage site and that the staff should continue to investigate the possibilities of the site becoming a Heritage Trust project.

Mr. Sennema brought up the subject of the logo for the Heritage Trust. After some discussion it was tentatively agreed to attempt a design of a composite logo depicting the various elements of the Heritage Trust. Mr. Williamson asked Mrs. Armitage to work on ideas for such a logo. Suggestions should be sent to Mrs. Armitage.

Mrs. Armitage brought the soapstone outcrops on the Pacolet River to the Board's attention as a potential Heritage site. After some discussion, Mr. Williamson asked Mr. Kohlsaas and Mrs. Armitage to contact Dr. Harrington at Wofford College and investigate the site further. Mrs. Armitage made a motion that the Board accept the Pacolet River site as a potential Heritage site. The motion was seconded by Mr. Manning and unanimously agreed to by the Board.

Cultural Areas Inventory - Ms. Elizabeth Mallin of the Department of Archives & History made a presentation on that Department's cultural areas inventory. During discussion of the inventory, several Board members pointed out that criteria were needed to evaluate project proposals having both cultural and natural elements. At Mr. Williamson's suggestion, staff agreed to draft a set of criteria for discussion at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

1. Mrs. Armitage: Prepare suggestions for a logo.
2. Mrs. Armitage: Investigate the Pacolet River site.
3. Staff: Investigate producing a slide show for the use of Board members.
4. Staff: Contact the Forestry Commission re: protecting the Angel Oak from lightning.
5. Staff: Investigate the Musgrove's Mill, Blackstocks, and Pacolet River proposals.
6. Staff: Mail the following to Board members:
  - an up-to-date membership list, with designated alternates
  - proposed changes to the Heritage Trust Act
  - a summary of the status of current projects
  - registration criteria
  - criteria for evaluating joint cultural and natural projects
  - recommendations to HCRS on cultural preservation issues

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