

*Protecting the Environment*



**MEADOWLANDS CONSERVATION TRUST**  
Serving the Entire Hackensack River Watershed

One DeKorte Park Plaza ☎ Lyndhurst, NJ ☎ 07071 ☎ PHONE: 201-777-2410 ☎ FAX: 201-460-2804 ☎ [www.meadowlandsconservationtrust.org](http://www.meadowlandsconservationtrust.org)

**MEADOWLANDS CONSERVATION TRUST  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** April 17, 2008  
**TIME:** 2:00 pm  
**PLACE:** New Jersey Meadowlands Commission, MERI Conference Room

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

WILLIAM SHEEHAN, Chair  
Hackensack Riverkeeper, INC.

MARK BECKER, Vice Chair  
Co-Director of Bergen Save the Watershed Action Network

HON. MAYOR DENNIS ELWELL, Meadowlands District Mayor's Council Delegate  
Mayor of Secaucus, NJ

ABIGAIL FAIR, Trustee  
Association of NJ Environmental Commissions

GREG REMAUD, Trustee  
NY/NJ Baykeeper

MARC SHRIEKS, NJMC Delegate  
NJMC Manager Intergovernmental Affairs

**ALSO PRESENT:**

TIRZA WAHRMAN, ESQ  
Deputy Attorney General

KRISTINA SCHVEJDA  
Meadowlands Conservation Trust Executive Director

LAURA MACHUCA  
Special Assistant to MCT Ex. Director

**ABSENT**

MICHAEL GONNELLI,  
NJMC Commissioner

**1. Chairman Sheehan presided** over the Meadowlands Conservation Trust Board of Trustees meeting. The meeting began at 2:05 pm with Chairman Sheehan leading the pledge of allegiance.

**2. MCT Executive Director Schvejda read** the Sunshine Law and took roll call for the April 17, 2008 meeting of the Meadowlands Conservation Trust's Board of Trustees.

**2. Adopt the minutes from the January 30, 2008 MCT BOT** meeting; Trustee Remaud made the motion and Vice Chair Becker seconded. Minutes were adopted. January 30, 2008 minutes and signed resolutions were distributed.

**3. Chairman's Report:** Chairman Sheehan discussed a possible conservation easement project on 11 acres of land owned by Bayfront Redevelopment LLC in Jersey City. Hackensack Watershed Land Trust (HWLT) would be the primary easement holders and proposed that MCT be secondary easement holders in the case that HWLT is no longer able to hold in the easement in the future. Mayor Elwell raised some concerns about MCT's easement placement, liability and monetary issues. Ms. Schvejda stated that she would have a meeting with DAG Wahrman to discuss all those important issues and would then follow up with both Chairman Sheehan and HWLT attorney on the project.

**4. Existing Audit Report meeting.** Chairman Sheehan met with Executive Director Schvejda, Vice Chair Becker and NJMC Director of Finance, Irfan Bora, to discuss the MCT 2007 audit.

**5. Resolutions:**

- A. Resolution of the Meadowlands Conservation Trust to authorize the executive director to explore a joint venture with Hackensack Watershed Land Trust who would be primary holders for the property known as the Jersey City Redevelopment Area and Meadowlands Conservation Trust as secondary holders for the conservation easement (Resolution 08-04)

Resolution 08-04 motion was made by Vice Chair Becker, seconded by Trustee Remaud and unanimously carried-

- B. Resolution accepting the Meadowlands Conservation Trust's 2007 Annual Audit (Resolution 08-05)

Resolution 08-05 motion was made by NJMC delegate Shrieks, seconded by Trustee Fair and unanimously carried -

**6. Executive Director's Report:**

**Old Business:** Kane Tract contractors had their vehicles vandalized when these were left overnight on the property 3/26/08 and a police report was filed. The contractors, A Touch of Green (ATOG), will finish the work and start new projects for MCT; however, these projects will now cost more money and take longer to complete since ATOG will not leave their vehicles/equipment on the property overnight. ATOG will complete side wall rip rap work on the Kane Tract Cross Dike in order to deter ATV riders somewhat.

**New Business:** The Kane Tract RFP is out and MCT has gotten several requests from companies stating that they would like a copy of the RFP. Letter to 17 interested firms were sent out. Cost of the Kane Tract RFP – KTWMB 101 costs \$500.00.

**7. Public Comment -**

None

**8. Next meeting will be held** on Thursday, June 19, 2008 at 2:00 pm in a room to be determined.

**9. Motion to adjourn meeting at** 3:02 pm and unanimously carried.

---

Kristina R. Schvejda, Executive Director