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**MEADOWLANDS CONSERVATION TRUST**  
**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** February 4, 2009  
**TIME:** 1:00 pm  
**PLACE:** New Jersey Meadowlands Commission, Commissioner's Room

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

WILLIAM SHEEHAN, Chair  
Hackensack Riverkeeper, Inc.

BOB CEBERIO, Trustee  
NJMC Executive Director

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

GREG REMAUD, Trustee  
NY/NJ Baykeeper

ABIGAIL FAIR, Trustee  
Association of NJ Environmental Commissions

MARC SCHRIEKS, NJMC Delegate  
NJMC Manager Intergovernmental Affairs

**ALSO PRESENT:**

KRISTINA SCHVEJDA  
Meadowlands Conservation Trust Executive Director

TIRZA WAHRMAN, ESQ  
Deputy Attorney General

LAURA MACHUCA  
Special Assistant to MCT Ex. Director

**ABSENT**

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

MICHAEL GONNELLI, NJDCA Delegate  
NJMC Commissioner

**1. Chairman Bill Sheehan presided** over the Meadowlands Conservation Trust Board of Trustees meeting. The meeting began at 1:10 pm.

**2. MCT Executive Director Schvejda** read the Sunshine Law and took roll call for the February 4, 2009 meeting of the Meadowlands Conservation Trust's Board of Trustees.

**3. Adoption of the minutes from the December 18, 2008 MCT BOT was postponed** because of a lack of quorum made up of board members that also attended the December 18, 2008 meeting; the December 18, 2008 meeting minutes will be resubmitted for adoption at the next April 16, 2009 Meadowlands Conservation Trust Board of Trustees Meeting.

**4. Public Comment:** Don Smith and Dr. Beth Ravit commented on Meadowlands flooding issues. NJMC LUM Deputy Director Nick Agnoli presented a possible solution to the flooding issue in the lower 43 acres of the Kane Tract that involves the installation of 2 tide gates and a berm. NJMC counsel Adam Levy suggested that all parties involved in the flooding/tide gate/lower 43-acre/ MRI issue get together for a meeting of the minds.

**5. Resolutions:** None

**9. Chairman's Report:** Chairman Sheehan formally appointed members of the MCT subcommittees. The Financial subcommittee (FIN) will be chaired by Chairman Bill Sheehan, and committee members will be NJMC representative and CFO Irfan Bora, and Vice Chair Mark Becker. The Land Acquisition Committee (LAC) will be chaired by Trustee Remaud and committee members will be NJMC representative and Inter Governmental Affairs liaison Delegate Marc Schrieks and Vice Chair Mark Becker. The Strategic Planning Committee will be chaired by Chairman Bill Sheehan, and committee members Trustee Abbie Fair and NJMC representative and Inter Governmental Affairs liaison Delegate Marc Schrieks. A Kane Tract issues subcommittee will be chaired by Chairman Bill Sheehan, with committee members Trustee and NJMC's executive director Bob Ceberio or a designated representative of Trustee Cerberio and Trustee Greg Remaud. Chairman Sheehan also brought up the issue of the Kane Tract lower 43 acres in relation to the MRI mitigation project, MCT's and EarthMark's Kane Tract Wetland Mitigation Bank project and NJMC's interests in the area.

**10. Trustees' Report:** Trustee Remaud expressed his interest in the ecological well-being of the Kane Tract and other MCT properties regardless of the advantages/disadvantages of mitigation bank credits and related firms.

**11. Executive Director's Report:** MCT was enthusiastic about the signing of the wetland mitigation bank contract with the EarthMark consortium.

**13. Next meeting will be held** on Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 1:00 pm in the NJMC Commission Room at Two DeKorte Park Plaza.

**14. Motion to adjourn meeting at** 2:40 pm and unanimously carried.

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Kristina R. Schvejda, Executive Director

