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**MEADOWLANDS CONSERVATION TRUST
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: June 18, 2009
TIME: 2:00 pm
PLACE: New Jersey Meadowlands Commission, Commissioner's Room

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

WILLIAM SHEEHAN, Chair
Hackensack Riverkeeper, Inc.

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

BOB CEBERIO, Trustee
NJMC Executive Director

GREG REMAUD, Trustee
NY/NJ Baykeeper

ABIGAIL FAIR, Trustee
Association of NJ Environmental Commissions

ALSO PRESENT:

KRISTINA SCHVEJDA
Meadowlands Conservation Trust Executive Director

TIRZA WAHRMAN, ESQ (VIA TELEPHONE)
Deputy Attorney General

ABSENT

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

MICHAEL GONNELLI, NJDCA Delegate
NJMC Commissioner

1. Chairman Bill Sheehan presided over the Meadowlands Conservation Trust Board of Trustees meeting. The meeting began at 2:05 pm.

2. MCT Executive Director Schvejda read the Sunshine Law and took roll call for the June 18, 2009 meeting of the Meadowlands Conservation Trust's Board of Trustees.

3. Adopted the minutes from the February 4, 2009 and the May 14, 2009 MCT BOT meetings. Trustee Ceberio made the motion, Trustee Remaud seconded it and it unanimously carried.

4. Resolutions:

- A. Consideration of Resolution accepting the 2008 Audit Report covering the Meadowlands Conservation Trust's Operations (Resolution 09-01)

Resolution 09-01 motion was made by Trustee Ceberio and seconded by Trustee Remaud. An amendment to the resolution was made that the resolution would state the names of the four New Jersey transportation entities. Trustee Ceberio made the motion for the amended resolution, Trustee Fair seconded it and it unanimously carried.

5. Public Comment: Don Smith noticed a lot of river bulrush on Hackensack River. He wishes to eradicate invasive plant species on the Trust properties and reintroduce native, non invasive plants species. The Board of Trustees felt that the idea of creating a sub committee to address this issue be formed. Chairman Sheehan, Trustee Remaud, and Vice Chair Becker showed interest. It was further discussed that staff look into grant funding to fund the project. Trustee Fair added that permits and funding would have to be sought for the project and suggested we contact DEP for more information.

6. Chairman's Report: Chairman Sheehan expressed his wishes to abide to the grounds for the Kane Tract deed agreement when making decisions about enhancements of the land and the legal and financial parameters in regard to these enhancements. He stated that in the future he hopes the Trust will fund enhancements with sources other than mitigation credits.

7. Executive Director's Report: Ms Schvejda went to a Army Corp sponsored - FAA meeting with Dr. Ross Feltes where the issue of bird strikes and airplane flying was the main topic of concern. The FAA does not want to have a lot of open water as a major feature in wetland enhancement projects in the Meadowlands because of Teterboro and Newark airports. Other governmental entities, wetland mitigation firms, and interested parties attended. The Kane Tract will be the "model" for the region if not the country on how to move forward with projects and FAA concerns.

8. DAG Wahrman's Report: The Pomander Walk contract is in the hands of Stanley Turitz, Teaneck's attorney, for review.

9. Next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 20, 2009 at 1:00 pm in the NJMC Commission Room at Two DeKorte Park Plaza.

10. Motion to adjourn meeting at 2:55 pm and unanimously carried.

Kristina R. Schvejda, Executive Director

Board of Trustees	Resolution 09-04
Chairman Bill Sheehan	Y
Vice Chair Mark Becker	Y
Trustee Greg Remaud	Y
Trustee Abigail Fair	2
Trustee Bob Ceberio	1
Mayor Dennis Elwell	-
Delegate Michael Gonnelli	-