

MEADOWLANDS CONSERVATION TRUST

**MEADOWLANDS CONSERVATION TRUST
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AGENDA**

DATE: April 20, 2016
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: NJSEA Environment Center 2nd Floor Lecture Room

1. Welcome
2. Flag Salute
3. Sunshine Law Statement
4. Roll Call
5. REVIEW OF MINUTES
 - February 10, 2016 – open session
6. REPORTS
 - Chairman
 - Chief Executive Officer
7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
8. OLD BUSINESS
9. NEW BUSINESS
 - Discussion of potential public access project at Mehrhof Pond
10. RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 16-04	Resolution authorizing the CEO to negotiate and execute a conservation easement with the BCUA.
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11. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 16-05	Resolution authorizing the Meadowlands Conservation Trust to conduct a meeting to which the general public shall not be admitted for the purposes of discussing legal matters, personnel matters and contract negotiations.
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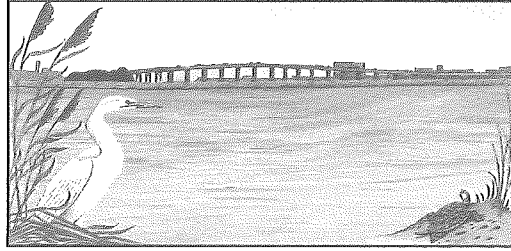
- Williamstowne Manor, et al. v. Meadowlands Conservation Trust, et al. – Status/update
- Eastern and Western Brackish Marsh - Potential property acquisition
- Application of Kane Mitigation Credits – NJ Transit/Long Slip Project Status/update

12. OPEN SESSION

13. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – June 8, 2016
NJSEA Environment Center 2nd Floor Lecture Room

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**MEADOWLANDS CONSERVATION TRUST
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: February 10, 2016
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority- Lecture Room
Two DeKorte Park Plaza – Lyndhurst, NJ

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

WILLIAM SHEEHAN, Chairman
Hackensack Riverkeeper

RALPH J. MARRA, JR., ESQ. Delegate
Senior Vice President Legal, NJSEA

GABRIELLE N. GALLAGHER, Delegate
Department of Community Affairs

MAYOR ALBERTO SANTOS, HMMC Delegate
Mayor of Kearny

CHRISTINE A. SANZ, Chief Executive Officer

ABSENT:

GREG REMAUD, Vice Chair
NY/NJ Baykeeper

ALSO PRESENT:

JASON STYPINSKI, Deputy Attorney General

CHRISTINE FERRANTE, Executive Assistant/Paralegal, NJSEA

1. Welcome - Chairman Sheehan welcomed everyone and presided over the meeting.
2. Pledge of Allegiance



3. CEO Sanz read the Notice of Meeting required under the Sunshine Law.

4. Roll Call

5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

Minutes of the December 9, 2015 open and closed sessions were moved by Trustee Marra, seconded by Trustee Santos and carried with all in favor.

6. REPORTS

Chairman Sheehan shared that on March 31, 2016 at the Englewood Field House, the Hackensack Riverkeeper will be hosting a roast and the roastee will be Bob Ceberio.

CEO Sanz reported on the following:

- As of November 2015, the MCT license plate revenue received is \$17,371.19.

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON RESOLUTIONS - None

8. OLD BUSINESS - None

9. NEW BUSINESS - None

10. RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 16-01 Resolution authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with Hansen & Smith Environmental Consulting for Monitoring and Environmental Services.

Motion to adopt the resolution was made by Trustee Gallagher, seconded by Trustee Marra and unanimously carried.

Resolution No. 16-02 Resolution accepting the Meadowlands Conservation Trust 2014 Annual Audit and Financial Report.

Chairman Sheehan stated that he and Trustee Marra met with the auditors prior to today's meeting and that there were no issues. CEO Sanz explained that the delay in the audit is due to the NJSEA engaging in new auditing services, and traditionally, the MCT enjoyed the benefit of piggybacking onto that contract. Trustee Marra stated that the auditors were appreciative of the job Ed Bulmer has done working with them on the audit.

Motion to adopt the resolution was made by Trustee Marra, seconded by Trustee Gallagher and unanimously carried.

Before going into closed session, Chairman Sheehan spoke about Emerson Woods and the MCT Conservation Easement. Chairman Sheehan stated the Town of Emerson would like better access for the public to enjoy the site. Chairman Sheehan requested that DAG Stypinski look into the matter and see if the conservation easement would permit additional walking trails.

11. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 16-03

Resolution authorizing the MCT to conduct a meeting, to which the general public shall not be admitted for the purposes of discussing legal matters, personnel matters and contract negotiations.

The following matters were taken into consideration:

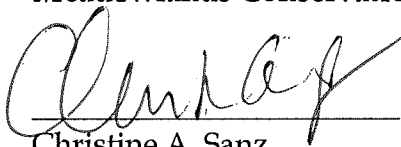
- Eastern/Western Brackish Marsh Property Transaction Negotiations- Status/Legal Advice
- Kane Bank - Legal Advice

Open Session - reconvened

Chairman Sheehan announced that the next meeting of the Trust is scheduled for April 13, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the NJSEA Environment Center - 2 DeKorte Park Plaza.

Motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Santos, seconded by Trustee Gallagher with all in favor.

I certify that this is a true and accurate transcript of the Regular Session Minutes of the Meadowlands Conservation Trust Board meeting of February 10, 2016.



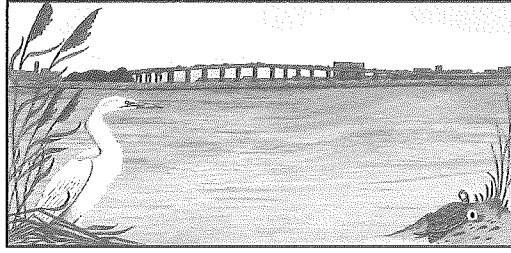
Christine A. Sanz
Chief Executive Officer

February 10, 2016

NAME	Roll Call	16-01	16-02	16-03	
Chairman Bill Sheehan	P	Y	Y	Y	
NJSEA Delegate Ralph Marra	P	Y	Y	Y	
Trustee Greg Remaud	A	--	--	--	
HMMC Delegate Mayor Alberto Santos	P	Y	Y	Y	
NJDCA Delegate Gabrielle Gallagher	P	Y	Y	Y	

P=Present A=Absent
Y = Affirmative R = Recuse N = Negative

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONSERVATION EASEMENT WITH THE BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO EFFECTUATE THE MEHRHOF POND WILDLIFE OBSERVATION BLIND

WHEREAS, the Meadowlands Conservation Trust (“MCT”) is interested in gaining a conservation easement on property owned by the Bergen County Utilities Authority (“BCUA”) located in close proximity to Mehrhof Pond for the purpose of improving public access for the viewing of wildlife in the area of Mehrhof Pond; and

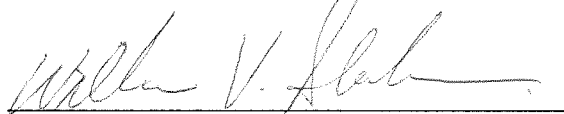
WHEREAS, the MCT is seeking to make improvements that would include additional fencing and a wildlife observation blind that would provide access to birders and/or nature enthusiasts; and

WHEREAS, preliminary plans for the observation area are depicted on the attached document.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CEO of the Meadowlands Conservation Trust is authorized to negotiate and execute a conservation easement with the BCUA for the purpose of providing a nature viewing area by Mehrhof Pond, as well as any other documents necessary to effectuate the improvements to the viewing area.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CEO is authorized to obtain bids or price proposals in accordance with laws governing public procurement for the fence and bird blind, as well as any other minor improvements to enhance public access for nature viewing.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by Meadowlands Conservation Trust vote.



William Sheehan, Chairman

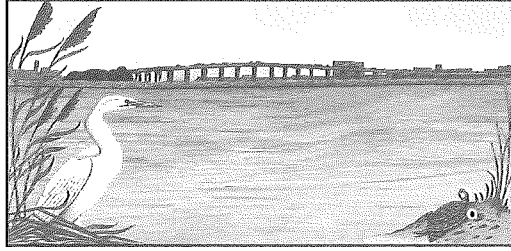
I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Meadowlands Conservation Trust as their meeting of April 20, 2016.



Christine A. Sanz, Chief Executive Officer



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RESOLUTION: CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-12 (b), permits the holding of closed sessions by public bodies in certain circumstances; and

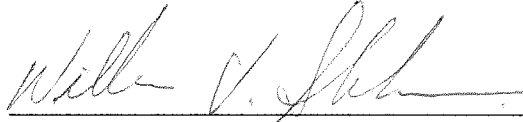
WHEREAS, the Meadowlands Conservation Trust (MCT) is of the opinion that those circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That a closed session of the MCT will be held to discuss the following:
 - Williamstowne Manor, et al. v. Meadowlands Conservation Trust, et al. Status/Legal Advice
 - Eastern and Western Brackish Marsh - Potential property acquisition
 - Application of Kane Mitigation Credits – NJ Transit/Long Slip Project Status/Update

2. It is anticipated at this time that the above subject matter(s) will be made public upon completion of said matter(s).

This resolution shall become effective immediately. The foregoing resolution was adopted by Meadowlands Conservation Trust Board of Trustee vote.



William Sheehan, Chairman

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Meadowlands Conservation Trust at their meeting of April 20, 2016.



Christine A. Sanz, Chief Executive Officer

