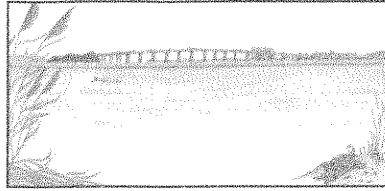


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OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: October 18, 2016
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: NJSEA Environment Center 2nd Floor Lecture Room
Two DeKorte Park, Plaza, Lyndhurst, NJ

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

WILLIAM SHEEHAN, Chairman
Hackensack Riverkeeper

GREG REMAUD, Vice Chair
NY/NJ Baykeeper

MAYOR ALBERTO SANTOS (via phone)
HMMC Delegate

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

CHRISTINE A. SANZ, Chief Executive Officer

ALSO PRESENT:

JASON STYPINSKI, Deputy Attorney General

COLLEEN MERCADO, Senior Operations Administrator, NJSEA

1. Welcome - Chairman Sheehan welcomed everyone and noted that the Board was still shy three Trustees, with one that is eminently going to be appointed by the DCA.
2. Flag Salute
3. Sunshine Law Statement
4. Roll Call
5. **REVIEW OF MINUTES**
Open session meeting minutes from August 10, 2016, Open and Closed Session meeting minutes from August 26, 2016 were moved by Vice Chair Remaud, seconded by Delegate Marra and carried with all in favor.

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6. REPORTS

- Chairman Sheehan stated that he would forgo any reports and deferred to Vice Chairman Remaud for an update on the Citizen Advisory Group meetings relative to the Rebuild by Design Project.

- Vice Chairman Remaud began by advising that one billion dollars had been allocated by the Federal Housing Urban Development to the Rebuild by Design Project to come up with new and innovated large scale solutions post Sandy to storm threats. Originally it was supposed to be a one billion dollar award to one project but it was broken down. The Meadowlands received \$150 million, which some of the administration had anticipated there would be an additional federal allocation so there would be \$800 million and at that point there was emphasis on a large levy seawall structure. But the money didn't come through. The DEP has staffed the project and the Coastal Engineering Department at DEP has hired AECOM Engineering to do the consulting. There have been six meetings; five CAG meetings and one public scoping meeting. There have been no designs to date, just discussions going towards one of three alternatives:
 1. Structural flood reduction- composed of various structural infrastructure, base solutions that would be constructed to provide protection from both inland and tidal storm surge flooding;
 2. Storm water drainage improvements, which would include a series of storm water drainage projects aimed at reducing the occurrence of higher frequency small to medium scale flooding events that impact communities located in the project area;
 3. A hybrid between the two – some structural; some water drainage improvements.

Vice Chairman Remaud stated that they are hoping to see concepts at the next CAG meeting, which he believed was scheduled for October 24th.

- Delegate Mayor Santos inquired as to what the boundaries are for the area they are looking at for this concept.
- Vice Chairman Remaud responded that they are looking at the Boroughs of Little Ferry, Moonachie, Carlstadt, Teterboro and South Hackensack.
- Delegate Mayor Santos commented that there were concepts a couple of years ago that involved the lower end of the Meadowlands and the tail end of Kearny, which involved a very large berm that would entail the caging of substantial amounts of property. He noted that it didn't go anywhere.
- Vice Chairman Remaud replied in agreement and stated that he thought at that time they were anticipating getting \$800 million but the federal grant that was supposed to supplement the initial infusion of money never came through.
- CEO Sanz commented that she had one thing to add to the Vice Chair's report, as a notification to the Trustees. She stated that MCT received a request from AECOM for their subcontractor to do some test borings on the Kane Tract. She advised that the request was forwarded to Andy Derickson, who has the banking instrument, and

after discussion with Counsel, forwarded to GEO-CON because they are technically the lessee at this point. She noted that the borings that they are suggesting are all along the Transco right-of-way and that she had questioned why they were doing this since there is no concept in place as yet. She said that AECOM's response was that they were directed to gather information generally, and to do borings of berms around the district. She continued by saying staff would be consulting with the people who have rights to the property and getting comments back. CEO Sanz concluded by advising the Trustees to reach out to her directly if they had any questions or concerns. In the meantime, she would send the Trustees a map which shows the area of borings that they are requesting.

- Vice Chairman Remaud then added that they had consistently raised the fact throughout the (CAG) meetings that the Kane Mitigation Bank was in place; that there's private mitigation interest and Trust's interest, and that they needed to make sure they put this into the scoping document.
- CEO Sanz provided an update on the license plate revenue, noting the total this year was \$12,485.

7. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- Mr. Don Smith, MCT consultant, advised the Board that Sanzari, the owner of the buildings along the northern end of the Kane Tract, have started working on their fence and the workers advised him that they would be putting in a new fence. He noted that they had cut a section of old fence that now exposes the road to trafficking. Mr. Smith said he would reach out to Williams and ask them to bring another Jersey barrier up to plug the opening.

8. **OLD BUSINESS** - None

9. **NEW BUSINESS** - None

10. **RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution No. 16-08 Resolution authorizing reimbursement to the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority.

Chairman Sheehan stated that Resolution 16-08 would be held due to the fact there would not be a quorum to vote on it.

Resolution No. 16-09 Resolution Authorizing the appropriation of \$20,000.00 for the Mehrhof Pond Public Access and Observation Area Project.

Vice Chairman Remaud commented on Resolution 16-09 saying that he felt this is a great project and was looking forward to it. He attributed it to Don and staff who have done phenomenal work and noted that it is a public benefit all can be proud of.

Motion to adopt the resolution was made by Vice Chairman Remaud, seconded by Delegate Marra and unanimously carried.

11. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 16-10 Resolution authorizing the MCT to conduct a meeting, to which the general public shall not be admitted for the purposes of discussing the following:

- Eastern and Western Brackish Marsh property transactions, status and legal advice.
- Williamstowne Manor, et al. vs Meadowlands Conservation Trust, et al., status and legal advice.

Motion to adopt the Closed Session resolution was made by Vice Chairman Remaud, seconded by Delegate Marra and unanimously carried.

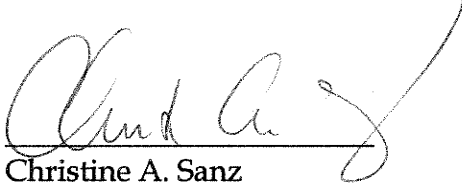
Closed Session commenced at 2:13 p.m.

Open Session recommenced at 2:25 p.m.

Chairman Sheehan asked for a motion to adjourn. Delegate Marra motioned, seconded by Delegate Mayor Santos and all members responded in the affirmative.

The meeting concluded at 2:27p.m.

I certify that this is a true and accurate transcript of the Open Session Minutes of the Meadowlands Conservation Trust Board meeting of October 18, 2016.



Christine A. Sanz
Chief Executive Officer

October 18, 2016

NAME	Roll Call	Resolution 16-08 HELD - NO VOTE	Resolution 16-09	Resolution 16-10
Chairman Bill Sheehan	P	-	Y	Y
NJSEA Delegate Ralph Marra	P	-	Y	Y
Trustee Greg Remaud	P	-	Y	Y
HMMC Delegate Mayor Alberto Santos	Via phone	-	Y	Y

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