

MEADOWLANDS CONSERVATION TRUST

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

DATE: September 14, 2017
TIME: 3:30 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 CHAIRMAN - VIA PHONE
NY/NJ Baykeeper

RALPH J. MARRA, JR., ESQ. - VIA PHONE
NJSEA Delegate

DONALD PALOMBI - VIA PHONE
NJDCA Delegate

MAYOR ALBERTO SANTOS - VIA PHONE
HMMC Delegate
Mayor of Kearny

ALSO PRESENT:

CHRISTINE A. SANZ, Chief Executive Officer
JASON STYPINSKI, Deputy Attorney General - VIA PHONE
COLLEEN MERCADO, Senior Operations Administrator, NJSEA

Chairman Sheehan welcomed everyone.

CEO Sanz read the Sunshine Law statement into record and Ms. Mercado took roll call.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Chairman Sheehan presented the June 14, 2017 Open Session meeting minutes. Upon motion by Vice Chairman Remaud and second by Trustee Palombi, the minutes were carried. Trustee Mayor Santos abstained, stating he was not in attendance at the June meeting.

Chairman Sheehan presented the June 14, 2017 Closed Session meeting minutes. Upon motion by Vice Chairman Remaud and second by Trustee Palombi, the minutes were carried. Trustee Mayor Santos abstained.

Chairman Sheehan presented the Open Session meeting minutes from the July 3, 2017 special meeting. Upon motion by Trustee Mayor Santos and second by Vice Chairman Remaud, the minutes were carried. Trustee Marra abstained, stating he was not in attendance at the July 3rd meeting.

Resolution 17-11 Chairman Sheehan presented Resolution 17-11 authorizing settlement in the matter of Williamstowne Manor, et al., v Meadowlands Conservation Trust et al. DAG Stypinski provided a brief overview to the Board. He stated the matter involved litigation between Williamstowne Manor, MCT and various other corporate entities being sued due to the overtopping of the berm on the Kane Tract during Superstorm Sandy. He advised that mediation was held on July 31, 2017 before (retired) Judge Doyne; MCT was represented by Hill Wallack, the insurance carrier's counsel. The carrier desires to settle this matter and the MCT's portion of the settlement would be \$170,000, which would be paid in full by the carrier with no retention that the Trust has to pay. Trustee Mayor Santos questioned whether the settlement memo was subject to OPRA, and other lawsuits could follow. DAG Stypinski responded by stating that any other claims brought pursuant to the flooding from Sandy were outside the 90-day Tort Claim Act notice and the two-year statute of limitations.

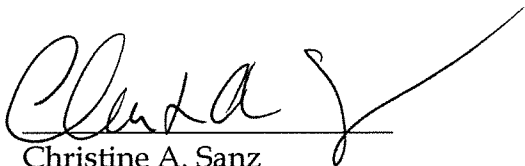
Upon motion by Trustee Mayor Santos and second by Trustee Marra, Resolution 17-11 was unanimously approved.

CLOSED SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT - Vice Chairman Remaud motioned to adjourn, second by Trustee Mayor Santos, and all members responded affirmatively.

The meeting concluded at 3:40 p.m.

I certify that this is a true and accurate transcript of the Open Session Minutes of the Meadowlands Conservation Trust Board of Trustees meeting of September 14, 2017.



Christine A. Sanz
Chief Executive Officer

NAME	Roll Call	Resolution 17-11
Chairman William Sheehan	P	Y
Vice Chairman Greg Remaud	P Via phone	Y
Trustee Donald Palombi	P Via phone	Y
Trustee Ralph Marra	P Via phone	Y
Trustee Mayor Alberto Santos	P Via phone	Y

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