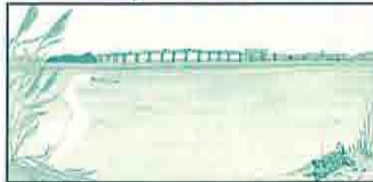


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MEADOWLANDS CONSERVATION TRUST
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AGENDA

DATE: October 10, 2018
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
 - June 13, 2018 – open and closed session
6. REPORTS
 - Chairman
 - Chief Executive Officer
7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
 - Hansen & Smith Consulting – Monthly Monitoring Report for September 2018
8. OLD BUSINESS
9. NEW BUSINESS
10. RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 18-09	Consideration of a Resolution accepting the Meadowlands Conservation Trust 2017 Annual Audit and Financial Report
Resolution 18-10	Resolution Honoring Dr. Ross Feltes for his outstanding public service and contributions to the Meadowlands Conservation Trust
11. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution 18-11	Consideration of a 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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12. OPEN SESSION
13. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – December 12, 2018
NJSEA Environment Center 2nd Floor Lecture Room

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MEADOWLANDS CONSERVATION TRUST
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
OPEN SESSION MINUTES

DATE: June 13, 2018
TIME: 10:07 a.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
NY/NJ Baykeeper

MAYOR ALBERTO SANTOS
HMMC Delegate
Mayor of Kearny

RALPH J. MARRA, JR., ESQ.
NJSEA Delegate

ABSENT:

DONALD PALOMBI
NJDCA Delegate

ALSO PRESENT:

CHRISTINE SANZ, Chief Executive Officer
JASON STYPINSKI, Deputy Attorney General
COLLEEN MERCADO, Senior Operations Administrator, NJSEA

Chairman Sheehan called the meeting to order, followed by the flag salute.

CEO Sanz read the Sunshine Law statement into record.

Ms. Mercado took roll call.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Chairman Sheehan presented the Open Session meeting minutes from the April 11, 2018 meeting. Upon motion by Trustee Marra and second by Vice Chairman Remaud, the April 11, 2018 minutes were carried with all in favor.

CHAIRMAN REPORT - none

CEO REPORT

CEO Sanz advised that the CY2018 license plate revenues through April were \$6,223.00. She noted that she would provide a property acquisition update at closed session. CEO Sanz then congratulated the Board on the opening of Mehrhof Pond Park, which she stated was really an exceptional day and testament to the Board and hard work of Colleen Mercado, staff, as well as cooperation with several governmental units.

Chairman Sheehan stated that he was honored to be there.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MCT's consultant, Donald Smith of Hansen & Smith Environmental Consulting, provided a review of the May monitoring report:

Fox Hill West, Norwood - There is still a lot of ATV's accessing the property doing a lot of erosion along the trails and the creek. Mr. Smith stated that local law enforcement is needed to take care of this issue.

North Central Woods, Norwood - There is still a problem with trash being dumped at the end of Madison Avenue that should be brought to the attention of the Town and perhaps a sign can be put up noting a fine for littering. A tree has fallen onto an adjacent property's fence causing damage and it seems the landscapers for the property are dumping grass clippings into the creek.

Skeetkill Creek Marsh, Ridgefield - Restoring the landscaping, clearing of trail and replacement of decayed benches are currently on list to be done. Yellow rail and Skimmers have been sighted at the Creek.

Kane Tract North - Don spoke with Andy Derickson regarding the eroded embankment under the second bridge on Williams Road. Mr. Derickson's consultants had seen this also and were going to take care of it. There are limited signs of new growth on west side. Litter which had piled up smothering new growth has since washed away in a storm.

Kane Tract South - Hundreds of shore birds using the site during migration along with waterfowl, Egrets, Herons and Osprey.

Mr. Smith advised the Board that he had recently spoken with representatives from the Russo Corporation relative to the Trust property located along Commerce Boulevard where the trees had been cut down due to the fire that occurred on the Kane site last year. He proposed working with Russo on getting that area covered with clean fill and possibly doing a nice demonstration planting. Mr. Smith went on to talk about the rest of that site, where he would like the Trust to consider planting a wetlands forest, approximately 200 feet out from Commerce Boulevard. This would require approximately two feet of clean fill and someone to do the mitigation.

CEO Sanz stated that the projects Don proposed would need to be carefully reviewed by the Board before authorizing any placement of fill. She noted that any fill would need to be tested by an independent company authorized by the Trust in advance and to confirm whether any permits would be needed for the amount of fill to be brought in.

Mr. Smith went on to talk about the dredging project going on at Losen Slote Creek and the concerns regarding the fill being placed on the flood plain. He noted that he would be meeting on behalf of Little Ferry with the Bergen County Utilities Authority and hopefully the County in regards to getting the dirt moved.

CEO Sanz made it point to state that all of Don's comments with regard to Losen Slote were being made as a public citizen and not as the Trust representative.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 18-07

Consideration of a Resolution creating an advisory committee to be comprised of representatives of Bergen and Hudson County Parks or Open Space departments.

Chairman Sheehan was in favor but was a little concerned about making it seem like an official committee and questioned softening the term. CEO Sanz suggested changing the word "committee" to "group" throughout the resolution so that it would be clear that the entity wouldn't have any legal authority with respect to the Board's activities. Vice Chairman Remaud motioned to move the amended resolution and second by Trustee Marra. Roll call was taken and with all in favor, amended Resolution 18-07 was passed.

Resolution 18-08 - CLOSED SESSION

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. Upon motion by Trustee Marra, second by Vice Chairman Remaud and followed by all in favor, Resolution 18-08 was approved.

CEO Sanz read the resolution for Closed Session into record.

Closed Session commenced at 10:27 a.m.

Open Session recommenced at 10:41 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT - Upon no further business, Motion to Adjourn was made by Trustee Mayor Santos, second by Vice Chairman Remaud, will all in favor.

The meeting concluded at 10:42 a.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 June 13, 2018.



Christine A. Sanz
Chief Executive Officer


NAME	Roll Call	Resolution 18-07	Resolution 18-08
Chairman William Sheehan	P	Y	Y
Vice Chairman Greg Remaud	P	Y	Y
NJDCA Delegate Donald Palombi	--	--	--
NJSEA Delegate Ralph Marra	P	Y	Y
HMMC Delegate Mayor Alberto Santos	P	Y	Y

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

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE MEADOWLANDS CONSERVATION TRUST
2017 ANNUAL AUDIT AND FINANCIAL REPORT**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Meadowlands Conservation Trust Annual Audit and Financial Report prepared by Mercadien, P.C., Certified Public Accountants, for the year ending December 31, 2017 is hereby accepted.

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 its meeting of October 10, 2018.



Christine A. Sanz, Chief Executive Officer

Resolution No. 18-09

**RESOLUTION OF SPECIAL COMMENDATION HONORING
DR. ROSS FELTES
FOR HIS OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO
THE MEADOWLANDS CONSERVATION TRUST**

WHEREAS, Dr. Ross Feltes retired as Chief of Natural Resources Management at the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority (NJSEA) on Aug. 31, 2018, following 14 years of distinguished service to the agency; and

WHEREAS, within his position at the NJSEA Dr. Feltes played a critical role as an expert advisor to and unwavering advocate for the Meadowlands Conservation Trust (MCT), whose mission includes the preservation and restoration of environmentally valuable wetlands within the Hackensack River Watershed; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Feltes' comprehensive, expert knowledge of the Meadowlands District's ecologically sensitive wetlands and urban eco-system, superior research acumen, and tireless work ethic greatly contributed to strengthening MCT initiatives; and

WHEREAS, these initiatives include a crucial, 237-acre wetlands restoration project within the Richard P. Kane Natural Area (Kane Tract) in Carlstadt and South Hackensack, one of the most significant parcels of marshland within the Hackensack River Watershed; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Feltes' exceptional knowledge of the wetlands restoration process and the operation of wetlands mitigation banks were of great assistance in helping the MCT to ensure the ongoing success of this vital wetlands restoration project, which has already resulted in remarkable improvements to the site and the surrounding Hackensack River; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Feltes' commendable support of the Meadowlands Conservation Trust's environmental preservation, enhancement and restoration projects have greatly improved the Meadowlands District's environment and left an enduring impact benefitting flora and fauna as well as the quality of life of residents and visitors to the District; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Feltes was and is viewed with the highest regard among the environmental, academic and regulatory communities throughout the State and the region, and he vigorously advocated for the Meadowlands Conservation Trust's interests before these constituencies; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Feltes is now and always has been a consummate professional, a trusted colleague, and a kind and loyal friend to all who have known and worked with him;

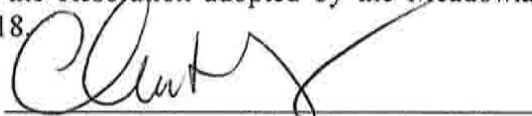
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Meadowlands Conservation Trust that Dr. Ross Feltes is hereby honored for his outstanding public service and contributions to the Meadowlands Conservation Trust, and by extension, the people of the State of New Jersey.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Meadowlands Conservation Trust Board of Trustees 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 October 10, 2018.



Christine A. Sanz, Chief Executive Officer

RESOLUTION: CLOSED SESSION

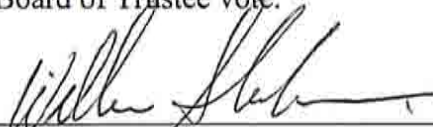
WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-12 (b), permits the holding of closed sessions by public bodies in certain circumstances; and

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:
 - Richard P. Kane Mitigation Bank Ground Lease
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 October 10, 2018.



Christine A. Sanz, Chief Executive Officer

Resolution No. 18-11