

Protecting the Environment



MEADOWLANDS CONSERVATION TRUST

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REMOTE MEETING OPEN SESSION MINUTES

DATE: June 9, 2021
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Remote via Zoom

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

WILLIAM SHEEHAN, Chairman
Hackensack Riverkeeper

GREG REMAUD, VICE CHAIRMAN
NY/NJ Baykeeper

STEVEN CATTUNA
NJSEA Delegate

MAYOR ANTHONY SUAREZ
HMMC Delegate

KIMBERLY HOLMES
NJDCA Delegate

ALSO PRESENT:

CHRISTINE SANZ, Chief Executive Officer
JASON STYPINSKI, Deputy Attorney General
TERESA DOSS, Co-Director MERI
COLLEEN MERCADO, Senior Operations Administrator, NJSEA

1. Chairman Sheehan called the meeting to order.
2. Sunshine Law Statement- CEO Sanz read the notice of meeting required under the Sunshine Law.
3. Roll Call

4. **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Chairman Sheehan presented the Open Session Remote Board meeting minutes from the March 10, 2021 meeting. Upon motion by Trustee Cattuna and second by Vice Chairman Remaud, the March 10, 2021 Open Session Remote Board meeting minutes were approved with all in favor.

5. **REPORTS**

CHAIRMAN REPORT

Chairman Sheehan said that he hoped this would be the last virtual meeting and that he was looking forward to meeting in person for the next meeting. He noted that he had been on the river going throughout the District, sometimes five to six days a week and said that there was a lot of activity on the water and things were looking really good.

CEO REPORT

CEO Sanz added to the Chairman's comment in regards to getting together in-person and said that she expected to have guidance by the next meeting on how to safely hold the public meetings.

CEO Sanz updated the Board on the following:

- CY2021 License plate revenues through April were \$5,923.28;
- damage recently sustained to the pavilion at River Barge Park; repairs were made and a claim has been submitted to insurance;
- CEO Sanz informed the Board of illegal dumping that occurred at the end of Jomike Court on the Kane Tract in Carlstadt. She noted that Ms. Mercado procured a company to do a cleanup of the site, as the Trust did not want to be in violation of any ordinances. She also stated that MERI had established cameras in the area so that footage could be obtained of future illegal activities.

6. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ms. Terry Doss presented the April/May monitoring report, starting with the four properties that are wetlands forests: Pine Terrace, Demarest; Fox Hill, Norwood; Central Woods, Norwood; and Emerson Woods, Emerson. She noted that despite the fact that these sites are overrun by deer and some ATV issues, they are fairly healthy and have a lot of diversity. She said that NJSEA wildlife scientists, Mr. Drew McQuade and Ms. Aleshanee Mooney, joined her in visiting the Trust's sites to help identify the many interesting plant and bird species that appear during spring. She noted that these species were listed in the report.

Ms. Doss then reported on the Kane areas:

Kane Bank: Many waterfowl and gulls throughout the site and a lot of common merganser moving through in April. Main issue is the ATV's.

Kane Natural Area: Staff has been conducting point counts in the experimental tree planting site and noted that some of the shrubs still persist and are budding, which is a good sign. There are still some dumping issues which hopefully will cease.

Kane Freshwater Area: Need to manage the mile-a-minute; trying different ways to make sure it doesn't take over the forested areas.

Lower Kane: A few waterfowl and a red-tailed hawk were observed.

Clarke Property, Demarest - Property well maintained and no issues.

Pomander Walk, Teaneck - Very clean site; no debris.

Skeetkill Creek Marsh, Ridgefield - shoreline needs to continually be cleared of debris and Western island needs to be "weeded."

7. **OLD BUSINESS** - None
8. **NEW BUSINESS** - None
9. **RESOLUTIONS** - None
10. **CLOSED SESSION**- CEO Sanz read the Closed Session Resolution into record.
Resolution 21-01 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:
 - Potential Property Donation – Bellemead Corporation
 - Update on Hanover Holdings Property Donation
 - Triple Five Obligation

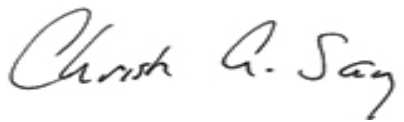
Closed Session commenced at 10:26 a.m.

Open Session re-commenced at 10:43 a.m.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**
Upon no further business, Motion to Adjourn was made by Trustee Cattuna, seconded by Vice Chairman Remaud, followed by all in favor.

The meeting concluded at 10:44 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 9, 2021.



Christine A. Sanz
Chief Executive Officer

June 9, 2021

NAME	Roll Call	Resolution 21-01
Chairman William Sheehan	P	Y
Vice Chairman Greg Remaud	P	Y
NJDCA Delegate Kimberly Holmes	P	Y
NJSEA Delegate Steven Cattuna	P	Y
HMMC Delegate Mayor Anthony Suarez	P	Y

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