



BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 2024
10:00 A.M.



MEADOWLANDS CONSERVATION TRUST
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
REVISED AGENDA

DATE: September 18, 2024
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: 2 DeKorte Park Plaza, Lyndhurst – 2nd Floor Lecture Room

1. Welcome
2. Flag Salute
3. Sunshine Law Statement
4. Roll Call
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - Approval of June 19, 2024 Open Session meeting minutes
 - Approval of June 19, 2024 Closed Session meeting minutes
6. REPORTS
 - Chairman
 - Chief Executive Officer
7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
 - Quarterly Monitoring Report – Michael Turso, NJSEA
 - Rothman Park Update – Henry Pullin, NJSEA
8. OLD BUSINESS
9. NEW BUSINESS
10. RESOLUTIONS
11. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution 24-05 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:

 - Update on Request for Amendment to Conservation Easement at Fox Hill Woods West in Borough of Norwood
 - Legal Advice Concerning Letter from Evergreen Environmental Dated September 12, 2024 Regarding Kane Wetlands Mitigation Bank Located on a Portion of the Richard P. Kane Natural Area – Objection to Service Area Modification.
12. OPEN SESSION
13. ADJOURNMENT

Protecting the Environment



MEADOWLANDS CONSERVATION TRUST
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REMOTE MEETING
OPEN SESSION MINUTES

DATE: June 19, 2024
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Lecture Room, 2 DeKorte Park Plaza, Lyndhurst, NJ

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

William Sheehan, Chairman
Hackensack Riverkeeper

Greg Remaud, Vice Chairman
NY/NJ Baykeeper

Robert Davidow
NJSEA Delegate

Samuel Viavattine (via phone)
NJDCA Delegate

ALSO PRESENT:

Anna Acanfora, Director of Finance/CFO
Teresa Doss, Co-Director MRRI, Chief Naturalist
Michael Turso, MRRI Wildlife Biologist
Henry Pullin, MRRI Landscape Designer
Ruth Thompson, Deputy Attorney General
Colleen Mercado, NJSEA Executive Administrative Specialist

1. Chairman Sheehan called the meeting to order.
2. Flag Salute
3. Sunshine Law Statement- Ms. Mercado read the notice of meeting required under the Sunshine Law.
4. Roll Call
5. **REVIEW OF MINUTES**
Chairman Sheehan presented the Open Session Board meeting minutes from the March 20, 2024 meeting. Upon motion by Vice Chairman Remaud and second by Trustee Davidow, the March 20, 2024 Open Session Board meeting minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0.

Chairman Sheehan presented the Closed Session Board meeting minutes from the March 20, 2024 meeting. Upon motion by Vice Chairman Remaud and second by Trustee Davidow the March 20, 2024 Closed Session Board meeting minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0.

Chairman Sheehan presented the Open Session Special Remote Board meeting minutes from the April 12, 2024 Special meeting. Upon motion by Trustee Davidow and second by Vice Chairman Remaud, the April 12, 2024 Open Session Special Remote Board meeting minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0.

Chairman Sheehan presented the Closed Session Special Board meeting minutes from the April 12, 2024 Special meeting. Upon motion by Trustee Davidow and second by Vice Chairman Remaud, the April 12, 2024 Closed Session Special Board meeting minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0.

6. **REPORTS**
CEO REPORT

Ms. Mercado reported the license plate revenues through May 2024 were \$12,287.92.

7. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Michael Turso narrated a power point presentation and provided the monitoring results for the 2nd Quarter of 2024. He noted that in general there had been no observation of dumping or human activity on the properties and pointed out various wildlife and ecological observations at each site. Mr. Turso and Ms. Doss spoke about putting an Osprey platform at Skeetkill Creek Marsh in an area close to where an Osprey has been observed building its nest but getting thrown out. They noted that the success of the platforms that staff have put up around the District since 2020 was quite evident.

8. **OLD BUSINESS** - None

9. **NEW BUSINESS** - None

10. **RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution 24-03 Consideration of a Resolution Accepting the Meadowlands Conservation Trust 2023 Financial Statements and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Chairman Sheehan noted that the Finance Committee held a meeting the day before with the auditors during which they presented their findings. He stated that he was pleased with the auditor and their findings. He thanked NJSEA staff for all their help during the audit process.

Chairman Sheehan presented Resolution 24-03. Upon motion by Chairman Sheehan, second by Vice Chairman Remaud, roll call was taken.

Vice Chairman Remaud: Yes

Trustee Davidow: Yes

Trustee Viavattine: Yes

Chairman Sheehan: Yes

Resolution 24-03 was adopted by a vote of 4-0.

11. **CLOSED SESSION**

Resolution 24-04 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:

- Request to Amend Conservation Easement at Fox Hill Woods West in Borough of Norwood

Ms. Mercado read the Closed Session Resolution into record.

Upon motion by Chairman Sheehan and second by Trustee Davidow followed by all in favor, Resolution 24-04 was approved to enter Closed Session.

Closed Session commenced at 10:26 a.m.

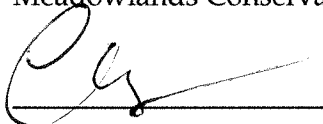
Open Session re-commenced at 10:40 a.m.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting concluded at 10:41 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 19, 2024.



Christine A. Sanz
Chief Executive Officer

June 19, 2024

NAME	Roll Call	Resolution 24-03	Closed Session Resolution 24-04
Chairman William Sheehan	P	Y	Y
Vice Chairman Greg Remaud	P	Y	Y
NJDCA Delegate Samuel Viavattine-via phone	P	Y	Y
NJSEA Delegate Robert Davidow	P	Y	Y

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

RESOLUTION: CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-12 (b), permits the holding of closed sessions by public bodies to discuss personnel matters, the status of pending and anticipated litigation and other matters within the attorney-client privilege, contract negotiations, and, if necessary, to act upon pending contracts; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Meadowlands Conservation Trust (MCT) that it shall conduct a meeting to which the general public shall not be admitted to discuss:

- Update on Request for Amendment to Conservation Easement at Fox Hill Woods West in Borough of Norwood
- Legal Advice Concerning Letter from Evergreen Environmental Dated September 12, 2024 Regarding Kane Wetlands Mitigation Bank Located on a Portion of the Richard P. Kane Natural Area – Objection to Service Area Modification.

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 September 18, 2024.

Christine A. Sanz, Chief Executive Officer

Resolution No. 24-05