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**MEADOWLANDS CONSERVATION TRUST  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** September 17, 2009  
**TIME:** 1:00 pm  
**PLACE:** New Jersey Meadowlands Commission, Commissioner Room

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

WILLIAM SHEEHAN, Chair  
Hackensack Riverkeeper, Inc.

MARK BECKER, Vice Chair  
Co-Director of Bergen Save the Watershed Action Network

BOB CEBERIO, Trustee  
NJMC Executive Director

GREG REMAUD, Trustee  
NY/NJ Baykeeper

ABIGAIL FAIR, Trustee  
Association of NJ Environmental Commissions

**ALSO PRESENT:**

KRISTINA SCHVEJDA  
Meadowlands Conservation Trust Executive Director

TIRZA WAHRMAN, ESQ (VIA TELEPHONE)  
Deputy Attorney General

**1. Chairman Bill Sheehan presided** over the Meadowlands Conservation Trust Board of Trustees meeting. The meeting began at 1:20 pm.

**2. MCT Executive Director Schvejda** read the Sunshine Law and took roll call for the September 17, 2009 meeting of the Meadowlands Conservation Trust's Board of Trustees.

**3. Adopted the minutes from the June 18, 2009 MCT BOT** meetings. Trustee Ceberio made the motion, Trustee Remaud seconded it and unanimously carried.

**4. Chairman's Report:** MIMAC and NJDEP is strongly questioning the viability of the Kane Tract project; Hackensack River Keeper, Congressman Rothman, NJMC, MCT among other parties have written letters to support the Kane Tract project

**5. Trustees' Report:** Trustee Ceberio reiterated that NJMC weighed in strongly for the support of restoration and enhancement of the Meadowlands district. There was concern the USF&W's anecdotal data in the district and the Kane Tract is unfounded. NJMC has spent millions of dollars on solid research and data gathering on several different scientific areas. Further discussion followed. Trustee Fair stated that the Teaneck Creek Conservancy won a grant from the mitigation council in order to restore wetlands in Teaneck. Greg reiterated the mission of the Trust and the place that mitigation should/should not have within the mission.

**6. Executive Director's Report:** ED participated in a mitigation panel sponsored by New Jersey Conservation Foundation to disseminate information about how and why to get involved in mitigation. The Trust participated in a Eco-Tour program by giving a tour of Skeetkill Creek Marsh Park on Sunday, September 13, 2009. The Trust is welcoming Jewish groups back to harvest phragmites from the Kane Tract. MCT offices will move from the main administration building of the NJMC to the Environmental Center in a couple of weeks.

**7. DAG Wahrman's Report:** The Pomander Walk contract is in the hands of Stanley Turitz, Teaneck's attorney, for review.

**8. Public Comment:** Dr. Ross Feltes expressed his interest in seeing the Kane Tract project move forward.

**9. Resolutions:**

A. Resolution to go into Closed Session (Resolution 09-05)

Resolution 09-05 motion was made by Trustee Ceberio and seconded by Trustee Remaud and unanimously carried.

**10. Next meeting will be held** on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 1:30 pm in the NJMC Commission Room at Two DeKorte Park Plaza.

**11. Motion to adjourn meeting at** 2:45 pm and unanimously carried.

<b>Board of Trustees</b>	<b>Resolution 09-05</b>
Chairman Bill Sheehan	Y
Vice Chair Mark Becker	Y
Trustee Greg Remaud	Y
Trustee Abigail Fair	2
Trustee Bob Ceberio	1