

**MINUTES OF THE
NATURAL LANDS TRUST MEETING
March 25, 2011
12:00 PM**

Office of Natural Lands Management, Trenton, New Jersey

Chairman Catania called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM and roll was taken. A quorum of trustees was present. At least one of the trustees was a state governmental representative. The Open Public Meetings Act notice was read as follows: Notice of the date, time, location and agenda, to the extent known, was forwarded to three newspapers of general circulation, and provided to the Secretary of State in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

In attendance were:

Michael Catania, Chairperson	Judeth Yeany, Trustee, left at 1:30 PM
James Hall, Vice Chairperson	John Sacco, for Ernie Hahn, Trustee, left at 1:30 PM
Theresa Lettman, Trustee/Secretary-Treasurer	Ernie Hahn, Trustee, joined via phone at 1:30 PM, left at 1:40 PM
Adrienne Kreipke for the State Treasurer, Trustee, arrived at 12:45 PM	Jean Reilly, DAG, Trust Counsel
Emile DeVito, Trustee	Robert J. Cartica, Executive Director
Steve Eisenhauer, Trustee	Martin Rapp, Trust Staff
Thomas Gilmore, Trustee, joined via phone at 1:30 PM, left at 1:40 PM	Cari Wild, Trust Staff

Absent were:

Amy Cradic, for the Commissioner of DEP, Trustee
State House Commission representative (not appointed)

Guests

Margaret O’Gorman, Executive Director, Conserve Wildlife Foundation
Amanda Dey, DEP Endangered and Nongame Species Program

General Public Comment: None

New Business:

Ms. Dey presented the **Delaware Bay Migratory 2011 Shorebird Budget Request** for the Conserve Wildlife Foundation (CWF) and for the Endangered and Nongame Species Program (ENSP). Ms. Dey advised the Board that the annual amount the Trust provides is critical because it helps them obtain federal funding for staff positions related to the Delaware Bay shorebird work. Ms. Dey indicated that in 2010 Trust funding to ENSP and CWF in the amount of \$73,186.00 was matched by \$71,000.00 in federal funding and \$100,000 in in-kind volunteer work. Ms. Dey circulated a report entitled *Update to the Status of the Red Knot Calidris canutus in the Western Hemisphere, March 2011* and advised that the 2010 data indicates a decline in shorebird populations, not recovery or improvement. Mr. Catania inquired as to whether there

was anything more the Trust could do through the shorebird fund to address the decline. Ms. Day suggested nothing else in this budget, but requested the Board assistance in replenishing the Shorebird Fund, which is quickly being depleted. Some suggestions for replenishing the Shorebird Fund were to work with the Office of Natural Resources Restoration and DEP's Division of Compliance and Enforcement on directing monetary settlements to the Shorebird Fund. As with the 2010 Budget, Mr. Catania suggested that the 2011 Budget be approved with a rider authorizing a reallocation of expenses between categories subject to a limitation of the total budgeted amount, and subject to all expenses being in accordance with all state and departmental policies and requirements, such as travel approvals. Mr. DeVito motioned to approve the 2011 Budget with the reallocation rider. Mr. Hall seconded the motion, and by unanimous vote the 2011 Shorebird Budget was approved.

Financial Report: Mr. Cartica outlined the Statements of Financial Position for the quarters ending September 30 and December 31, 2010. Mr. Hall motioned to approve the Statements of Financial Position, Mr. DeVito seconded the motion, and by unanimous vote, the statements were approved.

The **September 17, 2010 minutes** were reviewed. Mr. Hall motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. DeVito seconded the motion, and by unanimous vote the minutes were approved.

Unfinished Business:

Mr. Catania provided the Board with a report on the status of remediation activities at **Petty's Island, Pennsauken Township, Camden County**. He also discussed putting the Trust's vision for Petty's Island and the CCMUA mainland parcel on a map and holding another stakeholder meeting. He inquired as to whether anyone had any concern about the Trust submitting an application to the William Penn Foundation for funding to design a visitor's center and trails with waysides, kiosks and perhaps an open pavilion. There was a general acknowledgement of support for the submission of an application and a suggestion was made to apply for Recreational Trails Program (RTP) funding for trail improvements.

At this point, Ms. Kreipke joined the meeting.

Ms. Wild provided the Board with an update on the status of a **Black Meadows, Hanover Township, Morris County-Alcatel/Lucent Memorandum of Understanding**.

New Business Continued:

The **Calendar Year 2011 Budget** was discussed. Mr. DeVito motioned to approve the Calendar Year 2011 Budget. Mr. Hall seconded the motion, and by unanimous vote the budget was approved.

The Board considered the **Draft 2010 Annual Report**. Ms. Wild requested that the Board provide any comments/changes within the next thirty days. Mr. Hall motioned to approve the draft report subject to Board members and staff having flexibility to incorporate changes. Ms. Lettman seconded the motion, and by unanimous vote the 2010 Annual Report was approved.

Ms. Wild advised the Board of General Permit 23 issued to Lee Brothers, Inc., **Woodland Township, Burlington County**, with provision for 0.75 **Pinelands Development Credit (PDC) Donation** to the Trust.

At this point, Ms. Yeany and Mr. Sacco left the meeting as they would have to recuse themselves from voting on all remaining agenda items.

The Board began to consider the **Sooy-Mach/GA, Land Management Assignment Offer in Woodland Township, Burlington County**. Mr. Catania recused himself from this matter because the property may be acquired, in part, with Pinelands Conservation Funds, which he administers on behalf of the New Jersey Pinelands Commission. Mr. DeVito indicated that he may have to recuse himself because the New Jersey Conservation Foundation is an acquisition partner on this project. After Mr. Catania recused himself, Mr. Hall took control of the meeting as Vice Chair. At this point, Mr. Hahn and Mr. Gilmore joined the meeting by phone, and the Board discussed this matter. Ms. Lettman motioned to accept the Land Management Assignment Offer. Mr. Eisenhower seconded the motion, and by unanimous vote the offer was accepted.

At this point, Mr. Hahn and Mr. Gilmore left the meeting, and Mr. Catania returned to the room and resumed control of the meeting as Chair.

The Board considered the **Mystic Island-Como/GA, Land Management Assignment Offer in Little Egg Harbor Township, Atlantic County**. Mr. DeVito motioned to accept the Land Management Assignment Offer provided all wood/concrete pilings are demolished prior to acquisition unless the Trust deems them acceptable for management purposes. Ms. Lettman seconded the motion, and by unanimous vote the offer was accepted.

The Board considered the **Bearshead-Aquino/GA, Land Management Assignment Offer in Hamilton Township, Atlantic County**. Mr. DeVito motioned to accept the Land Management Assignment Offer. Ms. Lettman seconded the motion, and by unanimous vote the offer was accepted.

The Board considered the **Richard J. Buhlman-Brown and Fowler/GA Land Management Assignment Offers in Fairfield Township, Cumberland County**. Mr. Hall motioned to accept the Land Management Assignment Offers provided all structures are subdivided from the property and/or demolished prior to acquisition. Mr. Eisenhower seconded the motion, and by unanimous vote the offers were accepted.

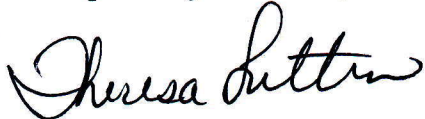
The Board considered the **Taylor-Hoeganaes/GA, Land Management Assignment Offer in Cinnaminson Township, Burlington County**. After Mr. Rapp's presentation, the consensus of the Board seemed to be that there was not much value in accepting responsibility for a property sandwiched between a dredge spoils deposit site and an old landfill unless the dredge spoils deposit site was preserved and became part of the Taylor Preserve. Mr. Hall motioned to accept this Land Management Assignment Offer on the condition that the Inman Tract (dredge spoil deposit site between the Hoeganaes offer and the Taylor Preserve) was transferred to the Trust, or preserved in perpetuity by some other means. Mr. DeVito seconded the motion. With five ayes and one abstention, the motion did not have the concurrence of six members of the Board as required by statute, and did not pass.

The Board considered the **Wildcat Branch-Confrancesco/GA, Land Management Assignment Offer in Sparta Township, Sussex County**. Mr. Hall motioned to accept the Land Management Assignment Offer. Ms. Lettman seconded the motion, and by unanimous vote the offer was accepted.

The following 2011 meeting dates will be circulated to determine Board member availability:
June 17, September 23, and December 2.

Mr. Hall motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Ms. Lettman seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Theresa Lettman".

Theresa Lettman
Secretary/Treasurer