

NEW JERSEY MEADOWLANDS COMMISSION

DATE: April 25, 2007
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Lyndhurst, NJ
RE: MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Eleanore Nissley, Acting Chairman
Michele Richardson, Assistant Commissioner
James Anzevino
Michael Gonnelli
Leonard R. Kaiser
Arleen Walther

STAFF PRESENT:

Robert R. Ceberio, Executive Director
Irfan Bora, Director of Finance & Management/
Chief Financial Officer
Thomas Marturano, Director of Natural Resources
Ileana Kafrouni, Director of Land Use Management
Christine A. Sanz, Director of Legal Affairs/Chief Counsel
Francisco Artigas, Director of MERI
Christopher Gale, Director of Communications
Christine Piatek, Deputy Attorney General
Sharon Price-Cates, Assistant Counsel to the Governor
Lynn Johnson, Executive Assistant

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Executive Director Ceberio read the Notice of Meeting required under the Sunshine Law.
3. Roll Call
4. REVIEW OF MINUTES

Minutes of the March 28, 2007 meeting were moved by Commissioner Gonnelli, seconded by Commissioner Anzevino and unanimously carried.

5. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Dr. Francisco Artigas, Director of the Meadowlands Environmental Research Institute presented the findings of the thirteen-year study on sediments in the Hackensack River and its tributaries.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Margaret Schak, Rutherford Taxpayers Association

7. NJMC ANNUAL AUDIT

Resolution No. 07-37 - Resolution accepting the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission 2006 Audit Reports.

Motion to adopt the resolution was made by Commissioner Kaiser, seconded by Commissioner Walther and unanimously carried.

8. ZONING

Resolution No. 07-38 - Resolution authorizing the publication of a Notice of Proposal and the holding of a Public Hearing regarding a petition for a rezoning of Block 108, Lot 1 in Lyndhurst, New Jersey.

Motion to adopt the resolution was made by Commissioner Gonnelli, seconded by Commissioner Walther and carried with Commissioner Anzevino abstaining.

9. AVIAN CONTAMINATIONS STUDY

Resolution No. 07-39 - Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a Memorandum of Agreements with the New Jersey Audubon Society regarding the Second Year of Study on contaminants in birds of the Hackensack Meadowlands and their effects on reproductive success.

Motion to adopt the resolution was made by Commissioner Anzevino, seconded by Commissioner Richardson and unanimously carried.

10. MEADOWLANDS ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Resolution No. 07-40 - Resolution supporting the establishment of the first Sediment Elevation Tables (SET) in the District.

Motion to adopt the resolution was made by Commissioner Walther, seconded by Commissioner Kaiser and unanimously carried.

11. LEGAL

Resolution No. 07-41 - Resolution authorizing the Chairman to issue a final decision in Riverview Associates v. New Jersey Meadowlands Commission

Mr. Ceberio explained that an extension on this matter has been requested from the Office of Administrative Law. Resolution not voted on.

12. ENERGY PROJECTS

Resolution No. 07-42 - Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract for consulting services, design and procurement for engineering and implementation of Energy Projects.

Motion to adopt the resolution was made by Commissioner Gonnelli, seconded by Commissioner Anzevino and unanimously carried.

13. PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Resolution No. 07-43 - Resolution authorizing a Phase II Environmental Investigation.

Motion to adopt the resolution was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Walther and unanimously carried.

14. RIVER BARGE PARK

Resolution No. 07-44 - Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract for architectural design, engineering services and construction management for River Barge Park.

Motion to adopt the resolution was made by Commissioner Richardson, seconded by Commissioner Kaiser and carried with Commissioner Anzevino abstaining.

15. REPORTS

Commissioner Kaiser thanked staff for their work on the River Barge Park project and was glad to see that a third party reviewed the actions and found them to be appropriate and within the parameters of the law.

Mr. Ceberio reported on environmental awards received recently.

- US EPA Region II Award on Environmental Quality
- US EPA National Award for Air Quality for efforts on solar initiative and green building regulations
- Governor's Tourism Award on the Wildlife Trail Guide

15. NEW BUSINESS

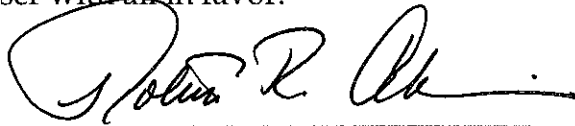
Commissioner Kaiser explained that the Executive Director was recently approached by the AMVETS requesting that the Commission consider finding a location for a memorial carillon. The living memorial to our nation's deceased veterans would be located outside the NJMC's main entrance. The memorial would be three bells with a tower, and it would toll once each day in memory of all the veterans who have lost their lives. The overall cost of the memorial and tribute is \$100,000. Commissioner Kaiser requests the Board appropriate \$25,000 towards this initiative.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kaiser, seconded by Commissioner Gonnelli and unanimously carried.

14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Sam Maffei, Secaucus resident
- Tina Schvejda, Executive Director Meadowlands Conservation Trust
- Margaret Schak, Rutherford Taxpayers Association

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Gonnelli and seconded by Commissioner Kaiser with all in favor.



ROBERT R. CEBERIO, SECRETARY

RESOLUTION#	07-37	07-38	07-39	07-40	07-41	07-42	07-43	07-44	New Business
Asst. Comm. Richardson for Comm. Levin	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Comm. Anzevino	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y
Comm. Gonnelli	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Comm. Kaiser	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Comm. Macri	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Comm. Nissley	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Comm. Walther	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Y = Yes

A = Abstain

R = Recuse

N = No