

**MINUTES OF THE  
NATURAL LANDS TRUST MEETING**

**March 22, 2019**

**12:00 PM**

**Office of Natural Lands Management, Trenton, New Jersey**

Chairman Catania called the meeting to order at 12:03 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. It was also noted that such notice was provided on the Trust's website in compliance with the Act requiring State, regional, and local authorities, boards, and commissions to establish a website providing specific information to facilitate transparency in government.

*In attendance were:*

Michael Catania, Chairperson  
James Hall, Vice Chairperson  
Theresa Lettman, Trustee/Secretary-  
Treasurer  
Judeth Yeany, DEP Trustee  
Larry Torok, DEP Trustee  
John Cecil, Trustee  
Steve Eisenhauer, Trustee

Senator Bob Smith, State House  
Commission representative, Trustee  
Matthew Rossi, Trustee representative for  
the State Treasurer  
Marlen Dooley, alternate for Ray Bukowski,  
Trustee representative for the DEP  
Commissioner  
Robert J. Cartica, Executive Director  
Martin Rapp, Trust Staff  
Cari Wild, Trust Staff

*Absent were:*

Emile DeVito, Trustee

*Guests:*

Sue Cahn, Senator Smith's Office

**General Public Comment:**

**Financial Report:** Mr. Cartica outlined the Financial Statements for the quarters ending September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2018. Mr. Hall motioned to approve the Financial Statements. Mr. Cecil seconded the motion and the Financial Statements were unanimously approved by a vote of 10 to 0.

The **September 14, 2018 minutes** were reviewed. Mr. Hall motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Torok seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 10 to 0.

**Unfinished Business:**

Mr. Catania and Ms. Wild provided the Board with a **Petty's Island, Pennsauken Township, Camden County Status Report** which included an update on CITGO's site remediation activities and the Trust and New Jersey Audubon Society's programming and multi-media activities.

**New Business:**

Mr. Cartica presented the **Spending Authorization for Calendar Year 2019**. This year's authorization includes full biodiversity inventories at the Wallkill and Sooy Place preserves and several species- or habitat-specific inventories at other preserves. Senator Smith motioned to approve the Spending Authorization for Calendar Year 2019. Mr. Hall seconded the motion and the 2019 Spending Authorization was unanimously approved by a vote of 10 to 0.

Mr. Cartica presented the Board with the **Tennessee Gas Pipeline (TGP) Plant Fund-2019 Work Plan**. Mr. Cecil motioned to approve the TGP Plant Fund-2019 Work Plan. Mr. Hall seconded the motion and the 2019 Work Plan was unanimously approved by a vote of 10 to 0.

The Board considered the proposed **Bear Creek Preserve-Stefanik/GA Land Management Assignment Offer in Allamuchy Township, Warren County**. Ms. Lettman motioned to approve this land management assignment. Mr. Torok seconded the motion and the land management assignment was approved by a vote of 9 to 0. Ms. Yeany recused herself from the matter based on the advice from the NJ Attorney General's Office that her vote may present an appearance of conflict notwithstanding that she has no personal or financial stake in Trust management assignments.

The Board considered the proposed **Sooy Place Project Area in Woodland Township, Burlington County**. Ms. Yeany motioned to approve the Sooy Place Project Area. Senator Smith seconded the motion and the project area was unanimously approved by a vote of 10 to 0.

Mr. Cartica presented the **Table Mountain Pine Five-Year Restoration Plan, Abraitys Pine Stand Preserve in Hunterdon County** for discussion. Table Mountain pine, *Pinus pungens*, is an S1.1 species, which means that it has only ever been known in New Jersey from this one location. Mr. Cartica assured the Board that the restoration plan is limited to restoring/out planting any propagated material at this location only. Mr. Cecil suggested that genetic work be done to establish other potential seed sources for propagation and that a Forest Stewardship Plan be prepared for the property.

The Board considered the **Draft 2018 Annual Report**. It was requested that the Board provide any comments/changes on the draft report within the next thirty days. Senator Smith motioned to approve the draft report subject to Board members and staff having flexibility to incorporate relatively minor changes. Ms. Dooley seconded the motion, and the 2018 Annual Report was unanimously approved by a vote of 10 to 0.

The Board discussed potential activities and events to commemorate the Trust's 50th Anniversary in 2019.

- Trust website will be updated.
- The June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting to be hosted at Petty's Island where former trustees and others are invited. A number of Board members made suggestions for potential invitees.

Senator Smith suggested proposing a Resolution recognizing the Trust's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to be considered by the New Jersey State Senate.

The 2019 Board meeting dates for the remainder of 2019 are:

June 7<sup>th</sup>, September 27<sup>th</sup>, and December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Mr. Hall motioned for the meeting to be adjourned. Mr. Cecil seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM by a unanimous vote of 10 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Theresa Lettman  
Secretary/Treasurer