The meeting was called to order by Chairman H. Robert Tillman, who then read the Open Public Meeting Act.

The roll was called by Executive Director John Ross. Attendance was as follows:

MEMBERS

H. Robert Tillman, Director, Department of Banking & Insurance
Marci Green, Department of Agriculture
Peter D. Wint, Special Assistant to the Attorney General
Candace McKee Ashmun, New Jersey Pinelands Commission
Donald McCauley, Public Member
John J. Tarditi, Jr., Public Member
Marc Matsil, Department of Environmental Protection

OTHER OFFICIALS

John Ross, Executive Director, Pinelands Development Credit Bank
Helene Chudzik, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Law & Public Safety

Motion to approve the minutes of January 24, 2003 was made by John Tarditi, and seconded by Donald McCauley. The minutes were unanimously approved.
Chairman Tillman asked the members to consider ratifying an amended Memorandum of Agreement between the Pinelands Development Credit Bank and the Pinelands Commission, that would authorize spending up to $17,500 for the Pinelands Development Credit Bank Information Management System.

Mr. Ross gave a brief overview of what the additional work would provide.

Mr. Tarditi made a motion to authorize John Ross to execute the amended Memorandum of Agreement with the Pinelands Commission. It was seconded by Marci Green. Chairman Tillman polled the members, and all voted yes, except for Candace Ashmun, who abstained. The motion was passed.

Mr. Ross informed the members that since he started working part-time, most of his attention has been focused on the day to day operation of the Bank, and that the Bank is running well. He went on by asking the members their thoughts regarding recruiting an entry level Executive Director trainee. Mr. Ross felt that a person with certain skills, such as Real Estate, Para-Legal, etc. could be hired in the $30,000 - $40,000 range, and view the position as a career which ultimately would provide for growth and a long term commitment to the Bank. After some discussion, the Board members felt that this would be a good direction to move in. Chairman Tillman asked the members if anyone would have an interest in serving on a Personnel Subcommittee to assist in the recruiting. Candace Ashmun and Marci Green both said that they would be willing.

May 5, 2003 was selected as a date for Ms. Ashmun, Ms. Green, and Mr. Ross to meet.

The Board canceled its May 9th meeting, and rescheduled it for June 5th, at the Pinelands Commission Offices.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Ross
Executive Director

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