

**Ocean County Natural Lands Trust Fund
Minutes of Advisory Committee Meeting
September 27, 2023**

Present: Alan Avery (Chair), David McKeon (Vice-Chair), John Bacchione, Lisa Hodgson, & Terry O’Leary. **Absent:** William Fox, Greg Myhre, & John Peterson.

Also Present at the meeting were: Commissioner Virginia E. Haines, Laura Benson (County Counsel), Anthony Agliata (OCPD), Tom Thorsen (OCPD), Dan Sindoni (OCPD), and Nicole Leaf (OCPD).

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Minutes: August 23, 2023

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. McKeon and seconded by Mr. O’Leary to approve the August 23, 2023 meeting minutes contingent upon correction of two typographical errors. Mr. Bacchione abstains, rest in favor, motion carried.

4. Program Update: 29,634.38 acres

Mr. Sindoni informed the Committee that the County closed on five properties since the last meeting, increasing the total acreage to 29,634.38.

The County closed on three properties in the Mill Creek Headwaters Project area totaling 2.3 acres:

#642 MCH – Porreca, Berkeley Twp., 0.52 acres

#693 MCH – Boutemine, Berkeley Twp., 1.38 acres

#700 MCH- Altman, Berkeley Twp., 0.40 acres

#663 Wilbur Avenue, Manchester Twp., 7.21 acres – Mr. Sindoni informed the Committee that the County closed on this property, located off Wilbur Avenue and Renaissance Drive. This piece is adjacent to Township owned land that is of interest to the County for acquisition.

#664 Wrangle Brook Road, Manchester Twp., 41.22 acres – Mr. Sindoni told the Committee that the County also closed on this parcel in Manchester Township. Located adjacent to State owned land, this property extends a significant green corridor.

5. New Business

Site Inspections:

#710 Frazee FRM Ext., Ocean Twp., 1 acre – Mr. Sindoni told the Committee that this property was inspected per Committee request. The Committee priorly approved acceptance of the donation of the property, but requested staff inspect the property prior to Commissioner approval. Staff confirmed that the property was clean.

6. Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

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A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Bacchione and seconded by Ms. Hodgson to move into Closed Session at 6:11 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Bacchione and seconded by Mr. McKeon to move back into Open Session at 6:21 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Avery stated that in closed session one item was discussed and action will be taken.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. McKeon and seconded by Mr. Bacchione to recommend #668 Florence T. Allen Ext. II, Berkeley Twp., 26.67 acres to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners for acquisition. All in favor, motion carried.

Adjournment: A **MOTION** was made by made by Mr. Bacchione and seconded by Mr. McKeon to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nicole Leaf, Environmental Specialist