

**NEWARK WATERSHED CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
40 CLINTON STREET, 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY 07102

**BOARD OF TRUSTEE REGULAR MEETING**  
DECEMBER 17, 2012

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**OPENING OF MEETING**

Called to order: 11:07 a.m.

**INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Present/Y</b>	<b>Absent/N</b>
The Hon. Cory A. Booker, Mayor, City of Newark		X
The Hon. Donald M. Payne, Councilman at Large		X
Oscar James, II	X	
William T. Merritt	X	
Rodney Johnson	X	
Linda Watkins-Brashear – Executive Director	X	
Elnardo J. Webster, II, Esq. – General Counsel		X
Jodi M. Luciani, Esq.	X	
Were any members of the public present?		X

**Review of the call for the meeting:** This is a public meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newark Watershed Conservation and Development Corporation. At the public meeting action will be taken on a variety of motions.

Board Vice Chair Johnson calls the meeting to order at approximately 11:07 am. Board Vice Chair Johnson asked if all Board Members present received their packages and had an opportunity to review same, and the minutes from the November 13, 2012, regular meeting contained therein. Board Vice Chair Johnson states that the minutes accurately reflect the meetings and contain no material deficiencies or omissions. Board Vice Chair Johnson requests said minutes be moved for approval.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

*Motion to approve meeting minutes of November 13, 2012*

*Board Vice Chair Johnson requests a motion to approve the minutes.*

*Motion to approve minutes:*

Moved by O. James Second by W. Merritt

Vote:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent/ Not Present</u>
The Hon. Cory A. Booker, Mayor	X		
The Hon. Donald M. Payne, Councilman at Large	X		
Oscar James, II	X		
Rodney Johnson	X		
William T. Merritt	X		

Action taken Motion Passed

Executive Summary

*Personnel Matters and Save Our Water Ordinance*

Executive Director Linda Watkins-Brashear

*Board Vice Chair Johnson requests a motion for Executive Session.*

*Motion to go into Executive Session:*

Moved by W. Merritt Second by O. James

Vote:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent/ Not Present</u>
The Hon. Cory A. Booker, Mayor	X		
The Hon. Donald M. Payne, Councilman at Large	X		
Oscar James, II	X		
Rodney Johnson	X		
William T. Merritt	X		

Action taken Motion Passed

*Motion to come out of Executive Session:*

Moved by W. Merritt Second by O. James

Vote:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent/ Not Present</u>
The Hon. Cory A. Booker, Mayor	X		
The Hon. Donald M. Payne, Councilman at Large	X		
Oscar James, II	X		
Rodney Johnson	X		
William T. Merritt	X		

Action taken Motion Passed

The Board of Trustees came out of Executive Session at 11:39 a.m. During Executive Session, the Board of Trustees discussed the personnel matters, as well as the pending litigation regarding the matter In Re Initiative Petition regarding a proposed Save Our Water Ordinance.

Resolutions

12-010– Resolution approving and adopting an Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation of the Newark Watershed Conservation and Development Corporation

Moved by W. Merritt Second by O. James

Vote:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent/ Not Present</u>
The Hon. Cory A. Booker, Mayor	X		
The Hon. Donald M. Payne, Councilman at Large	X		
Oscar James, II	X		
Rodney Johnson	X		
William T. Merritt	X		

Action taken Motion Passed

Executive Summary Cont'd.

*Hurricane Sandy Update*

Executive Director Linda Watkins-Brashear, discusses the affects Hurricane Sandy had on the trees at the Watershed properties. She indicates that thousands of trees went down as a result of the storm and explains that the entity has received a letter from Congressman regarding the salvation of the forestry. In response, the Newark Watershed will itemize timber removal and

salvaging in the 2013 operating budget. Ms. Brashear discusses the various projects the entity has been working on with respect to debris removal and tree salvation. She indicates that most of the timber may be sold to merchants for future furniture. She also explains that the Newark Watershed's forester and the City of Newark's forester are working in conjunction to prepare a tree removal and salvation plan, and anticipate results in the spring of this year. In addition, Ms. Brashear discusses the likelihood of the Newark Watershed partnering with New Jersey Audobon for assistance with this environmental issue. She finally explains that the Newark Watershed is looking to hire youth to assist, as well. Ms. Brashear states that in response to the Congressman, she laid out the various routes the Newark Watershed will take to effectively remove and salvage the forestry in the conservation area. Board Vice Chairman Johnson inquires whether the Newark Watershed can seek assistance from FEMA and Ms. Brashear responds in the affirmative, stating that such contract work would be bid out by the Newark Watershed. She explains that the Newark Watershed will not realize a lot of income from the timber sales, but that the main purpose of salvaging the conservation areas will be achieved. Board Vice Chairman inquired how the Newark Watershed handles fallen trees on neighboring properties and Ms. Brashear states that they are removed, as both a courtesy and preventative measure.

#### *Meeting with the Department of Community Affairs*

Jodi M. Luciani, Esq., General Counsel explains that the Newark Watershed has prepared a presentation to the Director of the Department of Community Affairs, in light of the recent Executive Order entered by the City of Newark with respect to the operations at the Pequannock Water Treatment Plant. Ms. Luciani offers a brief history on the contracts between the Newark Watershed and the City of Newark, and the various investigations that have taken place over the recent years. Ms. Luciani indicates that the initial meeting has been postponed to January 11, 2013, and that she and the Executive Director will keep the Board advised of the events of that meeting.

#### **New Business**

None.

#### **Old Business**

None.

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

January 2013 meeting information to be circulated to the Board and noticed at a later date.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

*Motion to adjourn the meeting.*

Moved by     O. James     Second by     W. Merritt    

Vote:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No/</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
	<u>Absent/</u>		
The Hon. Cory A. Booker, Mayor			X
The Hon. Donald M. Payne, Councilman at Large			
Oscar James, II	X		
William T. Merritt	X		
Rodney Johnson	X		

Action taken Meeting adjourned

***Adjourned at approximately 11:49 a.m.***