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MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, July 24, 2008 - 10:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 17, 2008
6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (and Council Member Reports)
7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
8. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION – *Approval of Certain Planning Assistance Grants* - (voting matter with public comment)
9. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION – *Submission of a Petition for Plan Endorsement* - (voting matter with public comment)
10. PUBLIC COMMENTS
11. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if deemed necessary)
12. ADJOURN

NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION
AND PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 24, 2008

PRESENT

JOHN WEINGART) CHAIRMAN

BILL COGGER) COUNCIL MEMBERS

VIA TELECONFERENCE

MIMI LETTS)

ERIK PETERSON)

TAHESHA WAY)

JACK SCHRIER)

GLEN VETRANO)

JANICE KOVACH)

TRACY CARLUCCIO)

TIM DILLINGHAM)

SCOTT WHITENACK)

ABSENT

KURT ALSTED)

ELIZABETH CALABRESE)

DEBBIE PASQUARELLI)

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman of the Council, John Weingart, called the 75th meeting of the New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council to order at 10:08 am.

ROLL CALL

The members introduced themselves.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Chairman Weingart announced that the meeting was called in accordance with the Open Public meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 and that the Highlands Council had sent written notice of the time, date, and location of this meeting to pertinent newspapers or circulation throughout the State and posted on the Highlands Council website.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2008

Mr. Cogger introduced the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Schrier seconded the motion.

Ms. Letts had an addition to her comment on page 23 – regarding things that cannot happen – she stated that it is because there is no governmental entity at the subwatershed level.

Mr. Peterson, Ms. Calabrese, Mr. Alstede and Ms. Pasquarelli were absent. All other members present voted to approve. The minutes were APPROVED.

MR. PETERSON JOINED THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE.

RESOLUTIONS

I. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION – Approval of Certain Planning Assistance Grants (voting matter with public comment)

Summary: *The Highlands Council initiated a grant application process for Initial Assessment grants to municipalities within the seven Highlands Counties in furtherance of Plan Conformance, in an annual amount not to exceed \$1,500,000. Council staff reviewed the grant applications and recommend grants for Council consideration.*

1. Consideration of Resolution – Initial Assessment Grant for Alexandria Township
The Township of Alexandria, County of Hunterdon is applying for an initial assessment grant in the amount not to exceed \$15,000. Ms. Swan explained that this is their first grant application to the Highlands Council.
2. Consideration of Resolution – Initial Assessment Grant for Franklin Township
The Township of Franklin, County of Warren, is applying for an initial assessment grant in the amount not to exceed \$15,000. Ms. Swan specified that they did have a 2006 COAH grant which was successfully completed.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Cogger moved the motion for the resolution for assistance grants and Mr. Schrier seconded. Ms. Pasquarelli, Ms. Calabrese and Mr. Alstede were absent. All other members present voted to approve. The resolution was APPROVED.

II. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION – Submission of a Petition for Plan Endorsement (voting matter with public comment)

Summary: *Pursuant to Section 8.a of the Highlands Act, the Highlands Council is required to develop, adopt, and periodically revise a Regional Master Plan (RMP) after consulting with governmental entities, with a goal of protecting and enhancing the significant values of the resources of the Highlands Region. Having completed the final version of the RMP, the Council shall submit the RMP to the State Planning Commission (SPC) for Plan Endorsement within 60 days of adoption. In accordance with Section 69 of the Highlands Act, any portion of a municipality or county located in the Preservation Area is exempt from the SPC Plan Endorsement process. Thereby, the Highlands Council authorizes its Executive Director to submit a Petition for Plan Endorsement, for the Planning Area, to the SPC as soon as practicable.*

Chairman Weingart explained that the Council, pursuant to Section 8.b of the Highlands Act, shall submit the RMP to the SPC for Plan Endorsement within 60 days of adoption of the Highlands Regional Master Plan.

Ms. Letts introduced the motion for the resolution. Mr. Schrier seconded it. ALL members voted in favor. The resolution was APPROVED.

Mr. Schrier stated that he would like to introduce a motion for a resolution. He introduced the resolution for commending Chairman Weingart for his leadership and dedication.

III. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION – Commending John Weingart for his Leadership and Dedication to the Highlands Council and its Mission

Summary: *The Highlands Council commends Chairman Weingart for his service, commitment, and dedication as Chairman of the Highlands Council for the past three years and seven months. The Council hereby authorizes its Executive Director to transmit this resolution to Governor Jon S. Corzine and the sponsors of the Highlands Act recognizing Chairman Weingart's tireless efforts to lead the Highlands Council towards adoption of the Regional Master Plan.*

Mr. Vetrano moved the motion, Ms. Letts seconded it.

Ms. Letts stated that this is a great idea. Ms. Swan stated that she would like to read the resolution after the vote.

Ms. Pasquarelli, Ms. Calabrese and Mr. Alstede were absent. Chairman Weingart abstained. ALL members voted in favor. The resolution was APPROVED.

Mr. Schrier stated that this was a way to thank the Chairman. Ms. Swan read the resolution for the public. (Applause) Mr. Schrier stated that the Chairman deserves the recognition and asked that Ms. Swan distribute the resolution to the press.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Shope – He expressed that the Council and none of the sponsors of the bill have found proper funding for compensation. The needs of the wildlife and the desire for more land by the environmentalists have been a higher priority. Taking the land is simply theft and funding must be found.

Andy Drysdale – He stated that he would like to read a letter that he just mailed to the Governor. He read the letter regarding the adoption of the Plan without proper funding for compensation to landowners. The Act states that landowners will receive just compensation. He explained that he is still working at 72 to make ends meet. He asks the Governor to veto the Plan until landowners have been properly compensated.

Ms. Swan recognized Ms. Forrest for her work on the minutes, which required a great effort to complete and resulted in an accurate representation of the meeting. She also recognized Mr. Borden for reviewing them for accuracy.

Mr. Cogger made the motion to adjourn. All members were in favor. Meeting was adjourned.

Vote on the Approval of these Minutes

	<u>Motion</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Councilmember Alstede	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Calabrese	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	✓
Councilmember Carluccio	_____	✓	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Cogger	✓	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Dillingham	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	✓
Councilmember Kovach	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Letts	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____

Vote on the Approval of these Minutes

	<u>Motion</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Councilmember Pasquarelli	_____	_____	_____	_____	✓	_____
Councilmember Peterson	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Schrier	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Vetrano	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	✓
Councilmember Way	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Whitenack	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Weingart	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____

RESOLUTION 2008-28
NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL
APPROVAL OF CERTAIN PLANNING ASSISTANCE GRANTS

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act) has created a public body corporate and politic with corporate succession known as the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council); and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act authorizes the Highlands Council to enter into any and all agreements or contracts, execute any and all instruments to carry out any power, duty or responsibility under the Highlands Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 18 of the Highlands Act authorizes the Highlands Council to make available grants and other financial and technical assistance to municipalities and counties in furtherance of the Regional Master Plan; and

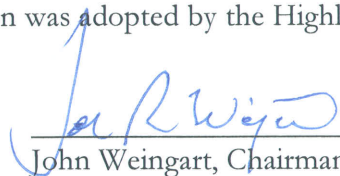
WHEREAS, on February 28, 2008 the Highlands Council by Resolution 2008-4 authorized the initiation of a grant application process for Initial Assessment grants to municipalities within the seven Highlands counties in furtherance of Plan Conformance, in an annual amount not to exceed \$1,500,000; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council staff has reviewed the following grant applications and recommends approval by the Highlands Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Highlands Council that the Executive Director, or her designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the following municipalities for an Initial Assessment Grant each in an amount not to exceed \$15,000: Alexandria Township and Franklin Township

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Highlands Council at its meeting held on the 24th day of July, 2008.



John Weingart, Chairman

Vote on the Approval of this Resolution

	<u>Motion</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Councilmember Alstede						✓
Councilmember Calabrese						✓
Councilmember Carluccio			✓			
Councilmember Cogger	✓		✓			
Councilmember Dillingham			✓			
Councilmember Kovach			✓			
Councilmember Letts			✓			
Councilmember Pasquarelli						✓
Councilmember Peterson			✓			
Councilmember Schrier		✓	✓			
Councilmember Vetrano			✓			
Councilmember Way			✓			
Councilmember Whitenack			✓			
Councilmember Weingart			✓			

RESOLUTION 2008-29
NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A PETITION FOR PLAN ENDORSEMENT
TO THE STATE PLANNING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act) has created a public body corporate and politic with corporate succession known as the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8.a of the Highlands Act, the Highlands Council is required to develop, adopt and periodically revise a Regional Master Plan (RMP), after consulting with governmental entities, with a goal of protecting and enhancing the significant values of the resources of the Highlands Region; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, the Legislature enacted the State Planning Act recognizing that New Jersey, the nation's most densely populated state, requires sound and integrated Statewide planning and coordination of Statewide planning with local and regional planning in order to conserve the State's natural resources, revitalize its urban centers, protect the quality of its environment, and provide needed housing and adequate public services at a reasonable cost while promoting beneficial economic growth, development and renewal; and

WHEREAS, the State Planning Act requires that the State Planning Commission (SPC) develop, adopt, and periodically revise a State Development and Redevelopment Plan (State Plan) which shall provide a coordinated, integrated and comprehensive plan for the growth, development, renewal and conservation of the State and its regions, and which shall identify areas for growth, agriculture, open space conservation and other appropriate designations to be used as a tool for assessing suitable locations for infrastructure, housing, economic growth, and conservation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8.b of the Highlands Act, within 60 days of adoption of the RMP the Highlands Council shall submit the RMP to the SPC for Plan Endorsement for the Planning Area only; and

WHEREAS, the State Planning Act and the Highlands Act mandate that the provisions of the State Planning Act not be construed to affect the plans and regulations of the Highlands Council for the Preservation Area, and therefore, in accordance with Section 69 of the Highlands Act, any portion of a municipality or county located in the Preservation Area is exempt from the SPC Plan Endorsement process; and

WHEREAS, if municipalities and counties in the Planning Area upon the SPC's endorsement of the RMP have master plan and development regulations that are approved by the Highlands Council, those plans shall be deemed the equivalent of having those plans endorsed by the SPC; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council staff recommends that the RMP Plan Endorsement petition for the Planning Area be submitted to the SPC as soon as practicable after adoption of the RMP so as to expedite the Plan Endorsement process and support Planning Area Conformance activities; and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2008, the Highlands Council adopted the RMP; and

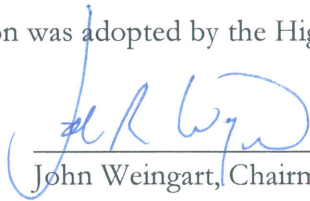
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Highlands Council hereby authorizes its Executive Director to submit a Petition for Plan Endorsement, for the Planning Area, to the SPC as soon as practicable.

RESOLUTION 2008-29

NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A PETITION FOR PLAN ENDORSEMENT TO THE STATE PLANNING COMMISSION

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Highlands Council at its meeting held on the 24th day of July, 2008.



 John Weingart, Chairman

**Vote on the Approval of
this Resolution**

<u>Motion</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Councilmember Alstede	_____	_____	_____	_____	✓
Councilmember Calabrese	_____	_____	_____	_____	✓
Councilmember Carluccio	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____
Councilmember Cogger	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____
Councilmember Dillingham	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____
Councilmember Kovach	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____
Councilmember Letts	✓	_____	✓	_____	_____
Councilmember Pasquarelli	_____	_____	_____	_____	✓
Councilmember Peterson	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____
Councilmember Schrier	_____	✓	✓	_____	_____
Councilmember Vetrano	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____
Councilmember Way	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____
Councilmember Whitenack	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____
Councilmember Weingart	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____

RESOLUTION 2008-30

NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL COMMENDING CHAIRMAN JOHN WEINGART FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION TO THE HIGHLANDS COUNCIL AND ITS MISSION

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act) has created a public body corporate and politic with corporate succession known as the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council); and

WHEREAS, John Weingart was duly appointed by the Governor of the State of New Jersey to serve as Chairman of the Highlands Council; and

WHEREAS, over the course of the last three years and seven months, Chairman Weingart has deftly led the Highlands Council in its mission to develop and adopt a regional master plan for the Highlands Region; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Weingart's commitment and dedication to the mission of the Highlands Council has served to guide its efforts and established the tone for all Council activities; and

WHEREAS, by his example, Chairman Weingart has instituted an atmosphere of respect and dignity among Council members, staff, State and municipal representatives and the public; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Weingart has sought to encourage significant public participation in the Council's operations which in turn have led to a transparent and fair process for developing the Regional Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, through his efforts, the Highlands Council adopted the Regional Master Plan at its duly noticed meeting on July 17, 2008;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Highlands Council hereby commends Chairman Weingart for his service as Chairman of the Highlands Council and his service to the people of the State of New Jersey;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Highlands Council hereby authorizes its Executive Director to transmit this resolution to Governor Jon S. Corzine and the sponsors of the Highlands Act recognizing Chairman Weingart's tireless effort to lead the Highlands Council towards adoption of the Regional Master Plan.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Highlands Council at its meeting held on the 24th day of July, 2008.



Jack Schrier, Vice-Chairman

RESOLUTION 2008-30

NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL COMMENDING CHAIRMAN JOHN WEINGART FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION TO THE HIGHLANDS COUNCIL AND ITS MISSION

<u>Vote on the Approval of this Resolution</u>	<u>Motion</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>Councilmember Alstede</u>						✓
<u>Councilmember Calabrese</u>						✓
<u>Councilmember Carluccio</u>			✓			
<u>Councilmember Cogger</u>			✓			
<u>Councilmember Dillingham</u>			✓			
<u>Councilmember Kovach</u>			✓			
<u>Councilmember Letts</u>		✓	✓			
<u>Councilmember Pasquarelli</u>						✓
<u>Councilmember Peterson</u>			✓			
<u>Councilmember Schrier</u>			✓			
<u>Councilmember Vetrano</u>	✓		✓			
<u>Councilmember Way</u>			✓			
<u>Councilmember Whitenack</u>			✓			
<u>Councilmember Weingart</u>					✓	