River Council of the Great Egg Harbor National Scenic and Recreational River

Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2014

Meeting Called to Order: at 6:44 PM by Rick Coe, Acting Chairperson.

Roll Call: by Fred Akers, Administrator.

Board Members in Attendance: Julie Akers (Buena Vista Twp.), Brian Camp (Corbin City), David Brown (Egg Harbor Twp.), Jim Owen (Estell Manor City), Joel Spiegel (Folsom Boro), Dick Colby (GEHWA), Bill Christman (Hamilton Twp.), Chris Jage (Hammonton City), Rick Coe (Monroe Twp.)

Board Members Absent: Greg Gregory (Somers Point City), Bill Handley (Upper Twp.), Clark Spigman (Winslow Twp.), Ralph Bernard (Weymouth)

Quorum Present – Yes

Others Present: Fred Akers (River Administrator), Paul Kenney (NPS), Lynn Maun (Coordinator), Walt Vreeland (GEHWA Member)

Open Meetings Act: Rick Coe stated that the meeting was advertised pursuant to the NJ Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. Notices were sent to official publications for the River Council – The Courier Post and The Press of Atlantic City. A copy of the notice was posted on the bulletin board of the Fox Nature Center, Atlantic County Library in Mays Landing and the GEHWA website.

Approval of Minutes: Bill Christman made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2013 meeting. Dick Colby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Education & Outreach Coordinator Report (Lynn Maun)

Upcoming Events and Meetings:

GEHWA Member Meeting: GEHWA’s Fall Adventure on Saturday and Sunday, September 27 & 28, 2014. Overnight camping and Camp Acagisca and canoeing and kayaking the Great Egg both days. Information given to RC members.

New Business:

1. Consideration of Resolution 4-2014 for River Herring: Resolution 4-2014 is a resolution authorizing the RC to be a Co-Plaintiff with Earthjustice and the National Resources Defense Council in their lawsuit seeking to require NMFS to reconsider listing the river herring as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

   A motion was made by Julie Akers, and seconded by Joel Spiegel, to approve Resolution 4-2014. Roll Call Vote: Julie Akers, Yes; Brian Camp, Yes; David Brown, Yes; Jim Owen, Yes; Joel Spiegel, Yes; Dick Colby, Yes; Bill Christman, Yes; Chris Jage, Yes; Rick Coe, Yes. Motion carried.
2. **Consideration of Resolution 5-2014 for Open Space:** Resolution 5-2015 is a resolution encouraging the voters of NJ to vote yes on November 4, 2014 to approve a constitutional amendment that would provide a permanent funding mechanism for open space programs.

A motion was made by Chris Jage, and seconded by Julie Akers, to approve Resolution 5-2014. Motion carried.

**River Councilor Reports for each Municipality**

**Egg Harbor Twp.: (David Brown):** English Creek and Miry Run bridges should be done by next April.

**Administrator’s Report (Fred Akers):**
1. Gregory Gregory is at a meeting tonight regarding dredging

**Adjournment:**
A motion was made to end the abbreviated RC meeting since the meeting was held out of doors and the audio/visual component was not available due to the late opening of the Nature Center. Upon motion by Dick Colby and second by Bill Christman, the meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.