

**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 Sprigman (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.