

River Council of the Great Egg Harbor National Scenic and Recreational River
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2005

Meeting Called to Order 7:30 PM by Gregory Gregory, Chairperson.

Roll Call by Fred Akers, Administrator

Board Members in Attendance: Julie Akers (Buena Vista Twp), John Brudon (Estell Manor City), Bill Christman (Hamilton Twp), Rick Coe (Monroe Twp), Greg Gregory (Somers Point City), Keith Kendrix (Hammonton), Bud Paynter (Winslow Twp), John Olansen (Upper Twp), Joel Spiegel (Folsom Boro), Marc Thyrring (Egg Harbor Twp), Dick Colby (GEHWA)

Board Members Absent: Bill Eagan (Weymouth), (Corbin City)

Quorum Present? – Yes

Others Present: Fred Akers (River Administrator), Paul Kenney (National Park Service), Gary Theno, (EHT Alternate)

Open Meetings Act

Greg Gregory 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 and the Atlantic County Library in Mays Landing.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved as written

Public Portion

No Public present

Administrator's Report (Fred Akers):

1. Adams Branch Project update: Fred showed this work on a slide show presentation about the project.
2. Hammonton Stormwater Event: Fred showed slides of Julie in action with the enviroscape.
3. Gravelly Run Intern Project: Fred explained how he and Julie had donated \$3,000 to Stockton to encourage Stockton to do more watershed characterization and assessment in the Great Egg Harbor Watershed, focusing first on the Gravelly Run sub-basin. It was their hope that the funding for this project would be expanded by the Council and GEHWA.
4. 2004-2005 Great Egg Bird Survey Report: Fred passed around the original copy of the report and promised each Municipality a copy at the next meeting.
5. Slow Speed No-Wake signs: Fred showed a few pictures of the signs on the Maurice River.

NPS Report (Paul Kenney): No formal report

Old Business

1. Fred reported that NJDOT was continuing to give him a run around about the approval for the River Council signs.

New Business:

1. River Councilor Reports

--Somers Point: Redevelopment was on hold and the Rt 52 bridge reconstruction was about to begin.

--Hammonton: Hammonton was working on stormwater, polluted lakes, and fixing the wastewater treatment plant.

-- Monroe Township: Fred is scheduled to make a GIS presentation to the Monroe Open Space Committee, and there was a preliminary report of a state sponsored ORV facility coming to Monroe.

--Egg Harbor: A new Marina Commercial Zone in the CRW Zone to accommodate a new marina at Anchorage Point was discussed.

--Winslow Twp.: Bud Paynter plans to meet with the Committee before the next meeting.

--Estell Manor: Problems with speeding boats and too much wake was discussed, as well as the 24 inch gas main to be installed under the river.

--Upper Twp.: The petition results will be announced soon.

--Folsom: Misc. land use variances were discussed.

--Hamilton: Hamilton is updating their master plan. Problems with NJDOT about the Babcock Cologne realignment were discussed

2. Fred reminded the RC that there is an additional \$10,000 of NPS Funding available to the Council. This prompted a discussion about future programs, including river cruises and fishing trips, touring river industries, visiting historical sites, canoe trips, and river clearing in the nontidal areas.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.