

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

**Meeting Called to Order** 7:00 PM by Gregory Gregory, Chairperson.

**Roll Call** by Fred Akers, Administrator

**Board Members in Attendance:** Julie Akers (Buena Vista Twp), Bill Christman (Hamilton Twp), Rick Coe (Monroe Twp), Dick Colby (GEHWA representative), Bill Egan (Weymouth Twp), Greg Gregory (Somers Point City), Keith Kendrix at 8:15PM (Hammonton City), John Olansen (Upper Twp), Joel Spiegel (Folsom Boro), Marc Thyrring (Egg Harbor Twp)

**Board Members Absent:** John Brudon (Estell Manor City), (Winslow Twp), (Corbin City)

**Quorum Present?** – Yes

**Others Present:** Fred Akers (River Administrator)

**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**

Rick Coe made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2004 meeting. Dick Colby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Public Portion**

No members of the public were present.

**Nomination and Elections of Officers (Terms to run 2/05 – 2/06)**

A nomination was made for Gregory Gregory as Chair. With no other nominations, Rick Coe motioned and Bill Egan seconded to elect Gregory Gregory for Chair. All in favor. A nomination was made for Rick Coe as Vice-Chair. With no other nominations, Greg Gregory motioned and Dick Colby seconded to elect Rick Coe for Vice-Chair. All in favor.

A nomination was made for Dick Colby as Treasurer. With no other nominations, Julie Akers motioned and Joel Spiegel seconded to elect Dick Colby for Treasurer. All in favor.

A nomination was made for Fred Akers as Secretary. With no other nominations, Julie Akers motioned and Greg Gregory seconded to elect Fred Akers for Secretary. All in favor.

### **Resolutions**

Resolution 1-2005: Designating Depository of Funds and Authorized Signatures on River Council Accounts.

Resolution 2-2005: Designating Official Publications.

Resolution 3-2005: Notice of Meetings of the River Council.

Rick Coe motioned and John Olansen seconded to approve resolutions. All in favor.

### **Administrator's Report (Fred Akers):**

1. GIS Presentation: Fred presented slides showing stormwater drain stenciling projects in the watershed; aerial graphics of the whole watershed, with newly added metadata for the W&S corridor overlays; and zoomed in on GIS characterizations of the Hamilton Twp/Egg Harbor Twp area around Gravelly Run and Miry Run, pointing out the locations of the proposed electric peaker plant and the existing LNG plant.
2. Atlantic County Stormwater Workshop: Fred summarized the day's events, commenting on the attention to grass drains and the issue about old stormwater management systems being a "problem".
3. Pinelands Conservation Fund: Fred reported that the new construction of the Conectiv electric power line along the Garden State Parkway has generated a \$13 million fund for Pinelands open space acquisition (\$6 million), resource studies (\$3.5 million), and planning (\$3.5 million). He made public comments to the Pinelands on behalf of RC and GEHWA for suggestions of how to allocate funding, noting key acquisition sites to be the Indian Branch Campground and Macrie property.
4. ANJEC \$20,000 Smart Growth Matching Grant (due April 1): Fred suggested that this source of funding may be very useful for municipalities that have projects already planned (e.g. state-mandated stormwater plans). Since the grants require a 50% match, municipalities could either realize a doubling of their \$\$ investment to make a project bigger, or they could halve the municipal funding for their proposed project.

### **NPS Report (Fred Akers):**

Fred commented on the status of annual funding for Partnership W&S Rivers, noting that with the current equal distribution among all rivers, including new ones to be added, it is highly unlikely that the GEHR will ever be fully funded as per the CMP.

### **Old Business**

1. River Council 2005 Workplan: Discussion was held about possibility of municipalities handling grants; specifically noted was whether they would be able to come up with individual municipal projects that could be applied for and funded through the above ANJEC grants. If there is River Council interest and vision for applying for an issue-focused regional grant, Fred said he would apply for such a grant directly to Dodge Foundation (application due 6/1). Based on discussion from the last RC meeting about the Ten Towns regional initiatives and ordinances, it was decided that there was a need for all RC municipal reps to review their Local River Management Plans (LRMP's) and

make a report of what could be needed (e.g GIS updates, septic ordinances...) A workshop meeting was subsequently scheduled for March 16, 7:00 PM at the Nature Center to go over LRMP's.

**New Business:**

**1. River Councilor Reports**

Upper Township: John Olansen reported that Upper is currently working on their state Smart Growth Plan.

Folsom: Joel Spiegel asked about status of signage. Fred said he is in process of communicating with appropriate roads departments.

Somers Point: Greg Gregory reported that *Day at the Bay* will be on June 4 from 7:00AM – 6:30 PM. More info to come.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

**River Council of the Great Egg Harbor National Scenic and Recreational River  
Workshop Meeting  
March 16, 2005**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Julie Akers (Buena Vista Twp), Rick Coe (Monroe Twp), Greg Gregory (Somers Point City), John Olansen (Upper Twp)

**Others Present:** Fred Akers (River Administrator)

Copies of the *Guidelines* were given to John and Rick.

Fred showed some examples of the expanded GIS mapping that could be done to update each municipality's LRMP.

Recommendations were made to

1. Complete updated and more comprehensive GIS mapping for each municipality.
2. Encourage municipalities to incorporate LRMP's into local Master Plans, if not already done.
3. Tie in NJ stormwater management rules with LRMP's.