

River Council of the Great Egg Harbor National Scenic and Recreational River
Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2013

Meeting Called to Order: at 6:32 PM by Greg Gregory, Chairperson.

Roll Call: by Fred Akers, Administrator.

Board Members in Attendance: Julie Akers (Buena Vista Twp.), Richard Camp (Corbin City), David Brown (Egg Harbor Twp.), Jim Owen (Estell Manor City), Joel Spiegel (Folsom Boro), Bill Christman (Hamilton Twp.), Chris Jage (Hammonton City), Greg Gregory (Somers Point City), Bill Handley (Upper Twp.), Bill Egan (Alt. Weymouth)

Board Members Absent: Dick Colby (GEHWA), Rick Coe (Monroe Twp.), Clark Sprigman (Winslow Twp.),

Quorum Present – Yes

Others Present: Fred Akers (River Administrator), Lynn Maun (Coordinator), Chuck O'Donnell (Alt. Corbin City), Steve Eisenhauer (Alt. Upper Twp.)

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, Atlantic County Library in Mays Landing and the GEHWA website.

Approval of Minutes: Bill Christman made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2013 meeting. Greg Gregory seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Portion: None

Education & Outreach Coordinator Report (Lynn Maun)

Schools:

Fox Nature Center: Provided a program for a home school group in October at the Nature Center.

St. Vincent DePaul: Began a five month program at the school. Julie will be assisting.

Stockton Students: Did streamside sampling for macroinvertebrates with 3 groups of Stockton students

Events and Meetings: GEHWA sponsored and/or supported the following events.

GEHWA's Fall Adventure: A diverse group met on September 28th and 29th at Camp Acagisca for a weekend of canoeing and kayaking the Great Egg Harbor River, and camping overnight.

Hammonton's Green Day Festival: Julie and Lynn tabled at the festival held on Sunday, September 15, 2013.

Fall Meeting of New Jersey Chapter of the Wildlife Society: Fred and Lynn attended the Fall meeting that was held on Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at the Lenape Farms Unit, Tuckahoe WMA in Estell Manor.

CoCoRaHS: River Councilors were given a CoCoRaHS brochure and encouraged to join.

Upcoming Events and Meetings: A GEHWA Member Meetings will be held on Tuesday November 26, 2013

NPS Report (Paul Kenney): Not present - furloughed

Old Business: None

Other Old Business: None

New Business: None

River Councilor Reports for each Municipality

Corbin City: (Brian Camp): Brian checked for oil on river. There was a hydraulic fuel spill on Route 50 that was probably the source.

Egg Harbor Twp.: (David Brown): Dave reported that a Hospice is planning to build a 15 bed unit on Wharf Road.

Hammonton: (Chris Jage): Chris reported that it was a good Green Day Festival for Hammonton.

Somers Point: (Greg Gregory): Greg reported on the presentation that he and Lynn gave at the Somers Point Historical Society meeting in August. He also reported that he has caught bass in lake across from Jim Owen's house.

Upper Twp.: (Alt. Steve Eisenhauer): Steve reported that there has been extensive beach erosion from current nor'easter.

Other New Business: None

Administrator's Report (Fred Akers)

1. National Wild and Scenic Rivers Report: Fred spoke about recent contacts he has made regarding Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers and its funding.

2. B.L. England Station and South Jersey Gas: Fred educated the members about the impacts from the intake of cooling water and outflow of heated water on the aquatic life in the Great Egg Harbor Bay. The power plant will need to be relicensed to continue to use the water in the bay for cooling. He also spoke about SJ Gas's plan to run a new gas pipeline through the forested area of the Pinelands.

3. River Trials Grant/Project Update: Fred showed a mockup of the proposed sign. The RC would like to see RC logo and Federal WS Logo on the sign.

4. River Herring and Menhaden Protection Update: Handout in the RC's packet.

5. Watershed History: Fred showed images of historic Hartman maps.

6. Atlantic County Wetlands Mitigation Bank: The conversion of the Berman property to wetlands is progressing.

7. Other Items of Interest: None

Adjournment:

Upon motion by Bill Christman and second by Julie Akers, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.