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Happy New Year!

This is a reminder that the next meeting of the River Council is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15th, at the Fox Nature Center in Estell Manor Park from 7PM to 9PM. If you are unable to attend, please let either Rick or myself know.

The following is a tentative agenda for the meeting. If you have any additions/deletions, let me know. Also...attached are the meeting minutes from November.

Thanks,

Mary

**Great Egg Harbor NS&RR Council
 Meeting Agenda
 January 15, 2003**

Call To Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes *copy's*

Public Portion

A. Old Business

1. Followup to November 20th meeting
 - Letters to Mayors re: nominations to River Council
 - Letter to NJ Militia
 - Dead Horse Run Status Report - Marc Thyrring
 - Letter to Pinelands Commission re: Monroe Township Septic Issue
2. Signage/Logo/Letterhead Update - Greg Gregory
3. Hamilton Township Issue Update
- Egg Harbor Township ATV issue - Marc Thyrring
- River Administrator's Report

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New Business

- Status of Cooperative Agreements
- Report on River Partnership Meeting with NPS

Adjournment



November Council minutes.d

Great Egg Harbor National Scenic and Recreational River

Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2003

Meeting Called to Order at 7:20PM by Rick Coe

Roll Call by Belinda Irizarry

Board Members in Attendance: Julie Akers, Rick Coe, Bill Christman, Dick Colby, Greg Gregory, Keith Kendrix, Creed Pogue, Joel Spiegel

Board Members Absent: Bob Almeda, Bill Egan, Andrew Mair, and Marc Thyrring (All board members provided prior notice of absence)

Note: Bob Almeda resigned from the River Council for health reasons.

Quorum Present? – Yes

Others Present: John Brudon (Alternate for Estell Manor) Fred Akers (River Administrator), Belinda Irizarry (Secretary) Mary Vavra (National Park Service)

Proceedings

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 and the Atlantic County Library in Mays Landing. An Affidavit of publication from the Courier Post was received. Meeting location was changed unexpectedly and notices were placed in The Press and Courier Post to announce this change. Meeting change was also posted at the Fox Nature Center.

Public Portion

Meeting was opened to the public at 7:25PM. No members of the public were present. Public portion was closed at 7:30PM.

Approval of minutes

A motion was made by Creed Pogue to approve the minutes from the November 20th meeting. Bill Christman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

- **River Council Appointment Letters** - Letters were mailed to the Mayors of Buena Vista, Hamilton Township, Egg Harbor Township and Estell Manor. Julie Akers was reappointed by the Mayor to represent Buena Vista Twp; and John Brudon was nominated to represent Estell Manor. We are still awaiting replies from Hamilton and Egg Harbor Townships. A letter will be forwarded to the Mayors of Corbin City and Upper Township requesting appointments. Mary Vavra will draft the letters for Rick Coe's signature.
- **NJ Militia** - As authorized, Rick Coe sent a letter to the NJ Militia reflecting several motions from the November meeting.
- **Monroe Township** - The River Council sent a letter to the Pinelands Commission regarding the Monroe Township septic issue. Another letter was sent to Monroe Township requesting that the River Council be kept informed of any developments on this issue. Fred Akers stated that the Pinelands Commission, based on new information provided by Monroe Township, determined that there has not been a change in use at this site. Fred will continue to track this issue.

■ **Signage/Logo/Letterhead Update** – Greg Gregory contacted Fossil Graphics to determine the price of signage which was quoted at 20 signs at \$34,800 which does not include installation. Greg also distributed copies of the new letterhead with logo that will now be used for official correspondence. Greg will continue to work on getting the design, specs, etc on the street signs.

■ **Hamilton Township Issue Update** – Fred Akers stated that there is still no Resolution from Hamilton Township memorializing the zoning variance approved for a property along the Great Egg Harbor River last September. Fred provided minutes from the Township meeting for members. Creed suggested that Fred contact the Pinelands Preservation Alliance to determine the legal status of the zoning variance application since no Resolution has been prepared. Julie Akers made a motion that the River Council send a letter with a copy of the Resolution to the Pinelands Commission and PPA (or with a copy of the minutes if the Resolution is not provided) along with a statement that the River Council is opposed to the issuance of the variance based on the testimony provided at Zoning Board hearing. Rick Coe made a friendly amendment suggesting the use of the words “strongly opposed and gravely concerned”. Creed Pogue seconded the motion. Julie Akers will prepare the draft letter for Rick Coe’s signature. Roll Call Vote: Julie Akers – yes; Rick Coe – yes; Bill Christman – yes; Dick Colby – yes; Greg Gregory – yes; Keith Kendrix – yes; Creed Pogue – yes; Joel Spiegel – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Bill Christman provided a status report on the Planning Board subcommittee’s recommendations to the Town Committee regarding the protection of the Great Egg Harbor River. Julie Akers made a motion suggesting that the River Council send a letter to the Township Committee indicating support for recommendations of the sub committee of the Planning Board. Those recommendations are to divide the river into four sections: the non-tidal area from the Folsom Borough border to Weymouth Furnace; Weymouth Furnace to Lake Lenape; Lake Lenape; and finally, the tidal section within Hamilton Township’s jurisdiction. The sub-committee further recommended that tubing and swimming activities not be permitted from the Folsom Border to Weymouth Furnace. Due to water quality and other issues, this section would be primarily for canoeing and kayaking. Tubing would be permitted from Weymouth Furnace to Lake Lenape and conducted according to County rules. At Lake Lenape, County rules will apply. The tidal section of the river will be reviewed in 2003 by the sub committee which will explore construction issues in the river corridor. Creed Pogue seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Julie Akers – yes; Rick Coe – yes; Bill Christman – yes; Dick Colby – yes; Greg Gregory – yes; Keith Kendrix – yes; Creed Pogue – yes; Joel Spiegel – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

■ **River Administrator’s Report**

- Fred continues to post information on issues and activities for River Council members.
- Fred received a call from Judy Dunley (Hamilton Township police) regarding interest in funding the river patrol in 2003 and suggested that she submit a formal request to the River Council and GEHWA.
- WMA #15 – Atlantic County has petitioned NJDEP to increase the funding to Stockton to continue to conduct water quality analysis in the river corridor.
- Fred was contacted by Atlantic County about a possible acquisition along Gravelly Run and will be working with them on this issue.

New Business

Cooperative Agreements – Mary Vavra distributed a listing of Cooperative Agreements to River Council members. There is a balance of funds in the Cooperative Agreement with Atlantic County (approximately \$6,800) and projects to use those funds were suggested, such as: the Kennedy Park slope stabilization project in Somers Point; Aerial photographs of the river corridor; additional mapping and the Action Now projects that were generated during WMA #15 planning efforts last year. Mary Vavra will send a letter to the County suggesting that they consider using the balance of funds for one of these projects.

Partnership River Meeting - Mary Vavra provided an update on the meeting held on January 7th at the National Park Service Office (NPS) in Philadelphia. Representatives from partnership rivers from the Lower Delaware River, Maurice River, Great Egg Harbor River, White Clay Creek and Muskenetcong River were invited to meet and discuss issues and projects that they have been involved in. Also discussed were strategies for securing more funding and recognition within the NPS. As a follow-up to this meeting, another meeting is planned for March 2 and 3 in Washington, DC. Rick Coe stated that the group plans to meet quarterly to coordinate among partners. Fred and Julie Akers and Rick Coe will be attending the DC meeting.

Annual Reorganization Meeting - The annual reorganization meeting is February 19th. Creed Pogue mentioned the need to address a cost-of-living increase for paid employees at the February meeting. Rick will prepare the necessary paperwork and Resolutions for the annual reorganization meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15.