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Subject: September Meeting Minutes and October Agenda

This is a reminder that the next meeting of the River Council is **October 16th** at 7PM at the Fox Nature Center. Please let me know if you will be unable to attend.

Attached are the minutes from the September meeting for your use and information. Please review the following agenda and let either myself or Rick Coe know if there are any changes.

Thanks,

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Sept River Council minutes.d

Great Egg Harbor NS&R River Council

October 16th Meeting

Agenda

Call To Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

Old Business

- Report from the NJ Militia - *Made presentation*
- Hamilton Township Zoning Update - *approval Conakes, property*
- WMA #15 update -
- Status Report on Joint Meeting w/NJDEP, USCOE, EPA, Pinelands Commission & NPS
- Permit Consultation Day Report *25*
- Barge Issue
- Reconnaissance Canoe Trip Report
- River Administrator's Report
- Progress Report on River Council-sponsored projects - Press Release

New Business

- Financial Update
- Status Report on GEHWA Activities

Public Portion

Adjournment

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Great River Council minutes

Great Egg Harbor River Council

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New Business

Great Egg Harbor National Scenic and Recreation Area River
Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2002

Meeting Called to Order at 7:10PM by Rick Coe

Roll Call by Belinda Irizarry

Board Members in Attendance: Julie Akers, Rick Coe, Bill Christman, Dick Colby, Greg Gregory, Joel Spiegel, James Parsio (alternate for Estell Manor)

Board Members Absent: Bob Almeda, Bill Egan, Keith Kendrix, Andrew Mair, Creed Pogue, and Marc Thyrring

Others Present: Fred Akers (River Administrator), Belinda Irizarry (Secretary), Mary Vavra (National Park Service), Lt. Frank Doty and Chief Petty Officer Ted Duncan (NJ Naval Guard).

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.

Approval of minutes

A motion was made by Bill Christman to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2002 meeting. Julie Akers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

New Jersey Militia Report

Lt. Frank Doty and Chief Petty Officer Ted Duncan from the NJ Naval Guard made a presentation to the River Council about activities of the New Jersey Naval Militia Joint Command. The NJ Militia specializes in water rescue, firefighting, and works as a Disaster Medical Assistance Team. Officer Duncan discussed the barge issue in the river and stated that it might be possible for the NJ Naval Militia to assist in its removal. He will visit the barge to determine if removal is feasible. Mr. Duncan also discussed policing of the tidal portion of the river and provided an informal estimate to provide this service during the summer months. River Council members will take the information provided and decide what is appropriate for the tidal portion of the river. This discussion will be continued at the next River Council meeting in November.

Hamilton Township Zoning Update

Fred Akers provided a status report on the Michael Cokenakas application for an undersized lot in the Pinelands Protection area that Hamilton Township Zoning Board approved. Fred discussed the water quality issue in the river and the fact that NJDEP has classified two areas of the non-tidal portion of the river as being contaminated with fecal coliform. These portions of the river are being used for primary contact recreation (tubing) by commercial liveries which contradicts the state's mandate for secondary contact only (canoes, kayaks). This information was provided to the Hamilton Township Planning Board Sub Committee for their use. Bill Christman provided a status report on the Township's subcommittee and the recommendations that may result from their activities. National Park Service will be preparing a letter to the Pinelands Commission expressing opposition to the zoning variance given to Mr. Cokenakas.

WMA #15

Fred Akers met with Dave Rosenblatt and Adriana Calle from NJDEP about the fecal coliform contamination in the river. The state has 120+ fecal coliform polluted streams and lakes. NJDEP intends to address the TMDL issue in the near future. Fred will be researching existing conditions in the river and provide information that will benefit the River Council, GEHWA, and NJDEP.

Permit Consultation

Mary Vavra reported that the October 15th special Permit Consultation Day was a success. Twenty-five people took advantage of the expertise provided by four NJDEP and one US Army Corps of Engineers official. Participants genuinely appreciated the opportunity to talk individually with people who knew the state and federal permitting requirements for construction projects in the river and watershed.

Coordination Meeting

Mary Vavra reported on her meeting with officials from NJDEP, USCOE, EPA and the Pinelands Commission on October 2nd. The purpose of the meeting was to improve communication among these agencies with regard to construction within the non-tidal portion of the river that is located within the Pinelands Protection Area. As a follow-up, a joint letter will be prepared by the Commission and NJDEP to municipal officials reminding them of their responsibility to direct waterfront property owners to the appropriate state agency for permitting requirements.

Reconnaissance Canoe Trip

Mary Vavra reported that the reconnaissance canoe trip for the enforcement issues in the Borough of Folsom was cancelled twice due to weather. The new date for the canoe trip is October 25th. If for some reason this date is not feasible, then a walking inspection will be planned.

River Administrator's Report

- Fred is working out the technical details of preparing osprey perches and deciding the best location for the first one.
- Fred provided information received at the Atlantic County Planning Summit where the county's build-out analysis was presented.

New Business:

Financial Business

Dick Colby provided a status report on River Council financial activities. Several of the projects funded through the River Council have not moved forward. Council members should come prepared to discuss the status of their projects at the November meeting.

Press Release

Mary Vavra provided a copy of a press release used along the Lower Delaware River to announce projects financially supported through local efforts with National Park Service assistance. Mary will develop a draft general press release on the River Council for future use when funding is provided for projects along the designated river corridor.

Public Portion

Dick Colby made a motion to open the meeting to the public which was seconded by Joel Spiegel. No members of the public were present. A motion was made by Dick Colby and seconded by Joel to close the public portion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20PM

The New Jersey Naval Militia Joint Command

History and Background

The term "Naval Militia" is defined under Title 10 USC as a component, along with the National Guard, of a State-organized militia system. Navy Militias predate the US Navy Reserve system, and have functioned as an augmentation group to the US Navy during times of war. At their height, Naval Militias were established in twenty-six states, including New Jersey. The New Jersey Naval Militia was legislatively sanctioned and established in 1894. Subsequently, the New Jersey Naval Militia was activated to serve in every major US Naval conflict beginning with the Spanish-American War through the end of the Korean War. During the late 1950s, there was a gradual absorption of Naval Militia personnel into the newly created US Navy Reserve system. In 1963, the New Jersey Naval Militia was disbanded.

In 1999, then Governor Christine Todd Whitman reactivated the New Jersey Naval Militia as part of a Joint Command consisting of a Regiment with three Battalions. The First Battalion consists of currently active US Navy Reserves and retired Navy Officers and Enlisted personnel. The Second Battalion consists of volunteers who provide operational Naval State Guard duties. The Third Battalion provides support and auxiliary functions. The authorized end strength of the New Jersey Naval Militia is 3000, with accommodations for an additional 1000 individuals, as needs arise. The New Jersey Naval Militia is also authorized to maintain 70 coastal brown-water vessels for security patrol and rescue operations. Currently, the New Jersey Naval Militia has more than 300 members, with several new members sworn in each week. Most members have sea-service with the US Navy or other service. There is also a contingency of State Army and Air Force National Guardsmen fully integrated into the Regiment.

1. The New Jersey Naval Militia is headquartered at Fort Dix, NJ. Logistics and other supporting functions are conducted from a shared armory facility in Plainfield, NJ. Militia vessels are currently operated out of a shared Coast Guard facility at Sandy Hook, NJ.

The New Jersey Naval Militia is a force multiplier assisting with both State and Federal missions. The Regiment maintains component teams, which specialize in water rescue, firefighting, and chaplain services, along with a Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT).

Contact:

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" Roger (Rider?)
to be ~~the~~ next contact

Meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month
Warren Fox Nature Center
Estelle Manor County Park
Route 50
South of Mays Landing, sign on right.

2 1/2 - 3' draft needed

Requirements:

Daylight hour security river patrols, Friday to Monday and holidays, Memorial Day to Labor Day to promote slow speed, no wake laws, appropriate jet ski use, no discharge laws, safety protection and no dumping of derelict barges in the river.

Estimate 1...One boat; (2) two - man crews (each day consists of 2, six hour shifts)(1) supervisor per day. The season consists of 14, four day weekends plus the 4th of July mid-week holiday for a total of 59 days.

<u>Boat Costs</u>	\$40.00 per hour
	<u>X 708</u> hours (59 days X 12 hours)
	\$28,320
<u>Crew Costs</u>	
Supervisor	\$ 6,688
Enlisted	<u>\$16,936</u>
	\$23,624
<u>Misc.</u>	
10%	\$ 5,713
TOTAL	\$57,138,
	rounded <u>\$60,000</u> - season

Could change
amt. of days

Supervisor (not on boat doing
dispatch)

3-4 men could also be on boat
(1-2 not being pd., but being trained)

Boat Costs

This estimate considers boat costs at 708 hours of continuous operation. These patrol craft consume 6 gallons of gasoline per hour at CRUISING SPEEDS (not pursuit speeds). Last years cost for marine fuel was approximately \$2.75 per gallon. Two stroke oil would be required.

This mission would require (seven) 100-Hour Maintenances at an approximate cost of \$300.00 per each. The above estimate accounts for normal wear and tear on equipment and normal replacement of expendables (lines, batteries, etc.).

Crew Costs

This line item was estimated using the Monthly Basic Pay Table, effective 1 January 2002 as prepared by the Office of the Secretary of Defense. This estimate was based using the base monthly salary of one supervisor officer personnel and four middle grade enlisted personnel. The supervisor would be assumed to be an O-2 or Lieutenant, jg (junior grade) having 6 years of service. The enlisted would be assumed to be E-6 or Petty Officers, First Class having 6 years of service.

Miscellaneous

This line item includes insurance costs, transportation costs, stationary & office supplies, etc.

THIS ESTIMATE SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS AN OFFICIAL ESTIMATE, NOR SHOULD IT BE CONSIDERED A BILL FOR SERVICES

*need to have boat moored here; find mooring;
M.L. Marika allowing H.T. police for price of gas.*

Secure mooring (eg. lights) radios, GPS,

Jeffers Landing → bulkhead 12.7 miles,

policing powers needed? No.

6.7 miles.

Subj: **Great Egg Harbor River**
Date: 9/28/02 7:52:52 PM Pacific Daylight Time
From: akers@gowebway.com (Fred & Julie Akers)
To: eprod@aol.com

Dear Mr. Duncan,

Below is my recent correspondence to Mr. Doty. You are invited to attend the next River Council meeting which will be on 10/16 at 7:00 pm at the Fox Nature Center off of Rte 50 in Estell Manor to discuss your interests.

I would be glad to discuss a possible integration of missions in some form prior to this meeting. The current River Patrol works both the tidal and non-tidal portions of the Great Egg in Hamilton Twp. on the weekends on a seasonal basis, as recreational use of the river is the major issue. The tidal portions are most conducive to motorized boat patrols, the non-tidal portions are more conducive to non-motorized patrols.

We have not been able to coordinate any action with the Coast Guard Auxilliary or the Marine Police for any regular seasonal patrols from the Hamilton Township boundary down to the bay, although they will respond to trouble calls from a substantial distance. This may be the River Councils main interest, and there is also a large very old derelict barge that is breaking apart and sending sometimes large chunks down the river periodically that Weymouth Township and the River Council would like to see removed.

Please feel free to email or fax or call again. Perhaps we can develop some type of proposal before you come down this way, if you are interested and your operations are compatible with our mission.

Sincerely, Fred Akers, River Administrator (Fax-856-697-1005,
phone-856-697-6114)

August 31, 2002

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RE: Request for Grants

Dear Mr. Doty,

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While recreational boating is an appropriate use of the Great Egg Harbor River, recreational overuse has created threats to the longevity of the natural resources, conflicts between the competing users and river residents, and safety related issues for the users and residents. The Hamilton Township Police Department was in a unique position to offer the river stewards the opportunity to fund a direct law enforcement presence on the river segments that would benefit the most from law enforcement, education, and safety management. Consequently, 2 boats and other program resources were purchased through grants from the National Park Service, and the Hamilton Township Police created the Great Egg Harbor River Patrol.

Since the Great Egg Harbor River is our focus area, if your organization has operations on the river that can help us to accomplish our goals of resource protection, law enforcement, and safety management, we would be interested in reviewing these operations and consider requests for funding to assist you in your efforts. There is currently a need for a river patrol in the tidal portions of the river below Hamilton Township to promote slow speed no wake laws, appropriate jet ski use, no discharge laws, safety protection, and no dumping of derelict barges in the river. If these activities are within your scope of work, I suggest you consider attending one of our meetings to discuss this matter with the association Trustees. Our meetings are the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7pm at the Fox Nature Center in Estell Manor. Please feel free to call or fax me with questions or a request for directions if you decide to come to a meeting.

Sincerely,