

**River Council of the Great Egg Harbor National Scenic and Recreational River**  
***Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting Minutes***  
***August 21, 2024***

**Meeting Called to Order:** at 5:50 PM by Greg Gregory, Chairperson.

**Roll Call:** by Brooke Handley, River Administrator

**Board Members in Attendance:** Julie Akers (Buena Vista Twp.), Alison Stefanik (Corbin City), David Brown (Egg Harbor Twp.), Jim Owen (Estell Manor City), Dick Colby (GEHWA), Bill Christman (Hamilton Twp.), John Keenan (Hammonton), Rick Coe (Monroe Twp.), Greg Gregory (Somers Point City), Bill Handley (Upper Twp.), Susan Stiles (Weymouth)

**Board Members Absent:** Greg Conway (Folsom Boro), Clark Sprigman (Winslow Twp.)

**Quorum Present** – Yes

**Alternates in Attendance:** Daniel Patterson (Corbin City), Tom Baum (Egg Harbor Twp.), Paul Ludgate (GEHWA), Clay Emerson (GEHWA), Bill Stuempfig (Upper Twp.)

**GEHWA Trustees in Attendance:** Julie Akers, Dick Colby, Clay Emerson, \_\_\_\_ Paul Ludgate, Carol Jones, Bill Stuempfig

**Others Present:** Fred Akers (Operations Manager), Brooke Handley (River Administrator), Paul Kenney (NPS), Lynn Maun (Coordinator), Captain Lee, Ponytail Mike, Matt Christman, Cheryl Kruetz, David Kruetz, Marvin Embr, Jill Embry

**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 GEHWA website calendar.

**Approval of Minutes:** Bill Christman made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2024, meeting. Rick Coe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Public Portion:** Fred introduced the Embrys. Marvin Embry is the Chairman of the ACUA Board of Commissioners.

**NPS Report (Paul Kenney):** Paul reported that NPS funding for the Great Egg would soon be in GEHWA's accounts. He also reported that the proposed Storm Surge Barrier project slated for the Great Egg Harbor Inlet has been canceled and that there will be a new project focused on natural barriers to protect coastal infrastructure from storm surges. He also reported that a new NPS employee will start on 9/7/2024. They will spend ½ of their time focused on coastal resilience for the Great Egg.

**Old Business:** None

**Other Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**River Councilor Reports for each Municipality**

**Weymouth Twp.: (Susan Stiles):** Susan reported that they had their “Night of Lights” boat parade. She also reported that the Fire Department has a new rescue boat.

**Adjournment:**

Upon motion by Julie Akers and second by Dick Colby, the meeting adjourned at 6:01 PM.