

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

May15, 2012
899 Morrison Drive
Charleston, SC 29402

Board members present were:

Mr. David Galloway, Chairman
Capt. Chris Thornton
Mr. John Hassell, III
Mr. William Lempesis
Mr. Ken Riley

Excused absence was noted for:

None

Staff and others present were:

Capt. Whit Smith, Chas. Harbor Pilots
Capt. John Cameron, Chas. Harbor Pilots
Capt. Michael White Jr., USCG
CDR Scott Higman, USCG
Mrs. Kate K. Cox, LLR
Ms. Julia Winkler, TradeWorthy, Inc.
Mrs. Noreen Milligan, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at the Maritime Association Office, 899 Morrison Drive, in Charleston, South Carolina. Whereas, proper notice of date, time, place and agenda information having been properly provide to the **Charleston Post and Courier** and proper notice also having been posted at the Maritime Association Office 24 hours prior to the time scheduled for the meeting and quorum having been noted as present, Chairman Galloway called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Chairman Galloway asked the members to read the draft of minutes taken during the April 17th meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Lempesis moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Thornton seconded the motion. The motion passed. Next, the Finance Report showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$3,649.75 and there was one deposit. With all bills being paid, the Commission had \$1,573.45 on hand. **Motion:** Commissioner Hassell moved to accept the Finance Report and Commissioner Lempesis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chairman Galloway asked for public comment. There was none.

The Coast Guard gave out a lineup of the events that are coming this summer.

Mrs. Cox gave the LLR Report. She stated LLR has a new Director, Ms. Holly G. Pisarik, and gave a staffing report from LLR. She reported on the Commission asking about additional liability insurance that the Commission has paid in past years.

She said that the Commission is covered under the Tort Claims Act and the Insurance Reserve Fund; and that they do not have to pay for extra coverage. She reported on the "Clean-up Bill" 4249 which is still scheduled for June 6, 2012 expiration and noted it is moving through the Legislature. She reported the senate Bill 1299 is also moving through the Legislature which proposes adding two additional members to the Upper Coastal Commission from the Georgetown delegation. She reported all annual physicals are up to date and two (2) pilots due for annual health exams in May and June.

It was reported the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) sent a response to Governor Haley on April 30, 2012. They asked for the State to send them information on the outcome of the pilot fatigue study that was done by the Commission. It was noted the Commission will wait for the response from the Governor's Office.

It was reported the Army Corp will be doing a test model on the 45 Project.

Commissioner Lempesis said that the State Ports Authority will be purchasing an air draft monitor for the Don Holt Bridge and hope to have this done by July 2012.

Under new business Capt. Cameron handed out a letter in reference to the ship, YM East losing power in the harbor. It was reported Commissioner Thornton was the pilot on the vessel. He was able to steer it into Anchorage A's eastern end and hold there. The APL Coral was able to steer by and head to the WWT. The YM East with the help of tugs was taken to CST for repairs. There was no damage or injury associated with this incident.

The Savannah River Maritime Commission met and their findings were that the Savannah River should be dredged to only 45ft, not 47ft. Capt. Cameron will have an update for the next meeting.

There being no further business to bring before the commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen K. Milligan
Executive Secretary

David Galloway
Chairman