

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Upper Coastal Commissioners of Pilotage**  
**March 2, 2011**

The Pilotage Commission for the Port of Georgetown held a regularly scheduled meeting on March 2, 2011 for the purpose of holding a Business Meeting. The meeting, held at 5:00 pm in the United Way Building on Front Street in Georgetown, was duly published.

Attending Commissioners:

Lep Boyd, Chairman

Edwin Jayroe, Pilot

Steve Strickland, Secretary

Clayton Bull

Also Attending:

Micheal Elmore, SCSPA

Kitty Cox, SC LLR

Dan Scheffing

Chairman Boyd called the meeting to order.

Guests were introduced and by a **motion** and a second the minutes of the December 2010 meeting were approved.

Pilot Edwin Jayroe gave an update on shipping, with 1 pet coke ship this year. 3 Pilots are available, and the pilot boat (RIB) was in operation. The current usable draft is between 20-21 ft (with a congressionally authorized depth of 27 ft + 2). Berth 31A is fully useable; and others have different degrees of siltation. Tonnage has increased due to barge traffic.

SC LLR – Administrators Report – Kitty Cox introduced herself as the Administrative representative for SC LLR for the Pilotage Commission, and she wanted to make sure that we knew she was available to assist in keeping any reports current. She wanted to remind everyone to file the Statements of Economic Interest (online) and needed current copies of the Annual Health Certificates for each Pilot. She would send original copies for the Pilots to get filled out. Her email address is [coxk@llr.sc.gov](mailto:coxk@llr.sc.gov) for anyone needing to get in touch with her.

Michael Elmore made comments on the current port operations. 3 million tons/hr in contracts were presented to the Army Corps of Engineers (COE) in support of dredging. 1 contract was lost to Virginia and 1 contract was lost to Savannah due to the draft limitations. There are 240K tons in contracts for briquettes to be shipped to Europe this year (2 ships) and are currently using 31A (old International Paper warehouse). Cement is moving through the port, between 100K to 380K tons/year, mostly on barges with a mix of coastwise shipping. The dredging is brought before the COE every year trying to keep it current.

The Jasper Port that is proposed has regulations being proposed to train Pilots for that port.

A letter to State Ports Authority was sent to request that a new Commissioner be appointed to replace David Schronce, who had retired. Another letter has been sent to our state and federal legislative delegations requesting funding to support dredging of the Port of Georgetown.

No further business was brought before the Commission.

Edwin Jayroe made a **motion** for adjournment. This being duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steven G. Strickland