

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

July 12, 2011
899 Morrison Drive
Charleston, SC 29402

Commission members present were:

William P. Lempesis, Chairman
David Galloway
Capt. Whitmarsh Smith (for Capt. Thornton)
John F. Hassell, III
Kenneth Riley

Excused absence was noted for:

Capt. Christopher H. Thornton

Staff and others present were:

Kate K. Cox, LLR Administrator
Capt. John Cameron, Chas. Harbor Pilots
CDR Scott Higman, USCG
CWO. Robert Wilson, USCG
Lt. Grizzle, USCG
Ray Kneer, Moran Shipping
Noreen Milligan, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday, July 12, 2011, 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 Lempesis called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Chairman Lempesis asked the members to read the draft of minutes taken during the June 14th meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Galloway moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Riley seconded the motion. The motion passed. Next, the Finance Report showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$400.00 and there were one deposit of \$4,530.00. With all bills being paid, the Commission had \$5,931.56 on hand. **Motion:** Commissioner Galloway moved to accept the Finance Report and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chairman Lempesis asked for public comment. CWO Wilson introduced CDR Higman and Lt. Grizzle to the Committee. There was no other public comment.

CWO Wilson gave the Coast Guard Report. He handed out a MSIB (42-11) Atlantic Coast Port Access Route Study (ACPARS). The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Regulation and Enforcement has identified numerous locations on the Atlantic Continental Shelf for potential development of Offshore Renewable Energy Installation sites. It was reported this could have an impact on maritime traffic along the entire Atlantic Coast. It was stated the Coast Guard is sponsoring an ACPARS for the

entire Atlantic coast from Maine to Florida to examine these potential impacts. He said and public comment is encouraged and the closing date to submit comments is August 9, 2011. It was reported Rebellion Reach is completed and asked that if there are any problems for the Harbor Pilots to let them know in an official letter. He said buoy 55 will be made permanent unless they hear differently from the pilots. He reported there are two marine events, September 10th and 11th and in October, 2011; and they will have more information on these events at the next meeting. Also reported the Coast Guard is expecting another dead ship tow around September 27th with more to be reported at the next meeting. The Commission asked if the date could be changed as Tuesday's are heavy ship traffic days.

Mrs. Cox gave the LLR report. She stated statistics remain the same and reported that Regulation 136-018 is still in the Regulation process. It was reported The Carriage of Passengers for Hire request guideline has been implemented and is working.

Capt. Cameron asked the Commission if he could work with LLR on the letters for Jasper Terminal and the Right Whale Regulations. The Commission gave their approval. He will have an update at the next meeting.

Chairman Lempesis ported he will meet with Commissioner Galloway on the invoices the Commission has received from Maybank Systems on the new Channel 13 service.

Captain Smith informed the Commission that Captains Weil and Sanders passed their 4th branch pilot test.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen K. Milligan
Executive Secretary

William P. Lempesis
Chairman