

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

March 15, 2016
899 Morrison Drive
Charleston, SC 29402

Board members present were:

Mr. David Galloway, Chairman
Mr. Henry Hay
Capt. John Dukes (in for Capt. Thornton)
Ms. Amy Riley
Mr. Billy Lempesis

Excused absences were noted for:

Mr. Ken Riley
Capt. Chris Thornton

Staff and others present were:

LT. John Downing, USCG
Capt. John Cameron, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Mrs. Kitty Cox, LLR
Ms. Pam Zaresk, Maritime Assoc.
Mrs. Julia Bennett, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Mrs. Noreen Milligan, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday March 15, 2016 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 February 9th meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Riley moved to accept the minutes. Commissioner Lempesis seconded the motion. **The motion passed.** Next, the Finance Report showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$814.72 and there was one deposit of \$25.00 with all bills being paid, the Commission had \$10,426.05 on hand. **Motion:** Commissioner Lempesis moved to accept the Finance Report and Commissioner Riley seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

Chairman Galloway asked for public comment. There was no comment.

LT. Downing gave the Coast Guard report. With the larger vessels (14,000 TEU) coming the pilots have requested the Coast Guard to move #7 buoy. The dredging of the entrance channel will be starting soon. The Coast Guard may have to move buoys

while the dredging is taking place but they will meet with the pilots before they move them. Chairman Galloway asked Mrs. Milligan to add this to the agenda for the next meeting.

Mrs. Cox gave the LLR report. There is one physical for March and one for April. The State Ethics Commission filing is due by March 30, 2016. Please make sure everyone has filed. The Pilotage Reg # 4574 (regulation changes for 136-030 and 136-730) has been filed with the General Assembly. The 120 day review expiration date for automatic approval is May 11, 2016. LLR legal department is developing a more HIPAA compliant medical release form for the apprentice application. A list of Occupational Medicine Physicians who are licensed by South Carolina has been provided to Chairman Galloway and Capt. Cameron for their inspection. Capt. Cameron will send a job description for the physician to LLR legal counsel. There is no update on the NTSB letter that was given to LLR Director Taylor. Chairman Galloway asked if an appointee has been named yet for the Jasper County seat on the Commission. Mrs. Cox said not at this time. Please continue to send in information to be posted on the web site for the Commission.

There was nothing new to report on the Savannah River Commission.

The pilots requested an increase in the COLA at the last meeting. The increase is .7% with the Gross Tonnage increasing from \$61.50 to \$61.95 and the Draft Feet from \$25.05 to \$25.25. A notice was placed in the *Post and Courier* from 2/11-2/14 to notify the public of the request. **Motion:** Commissioner Riley moved to accept the increase and Commissioner Hay seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

Under new business McAllister Towing advised the Commission that Capt. Steven J. Kicklighter has been named an Apprentice Docking Master by McAllister Towing. The pilots handed out a copy of the new rate card with the new GT and DF fees. The new rates will be effective June 1, 2016. **Motion:** Commissioner Hay moved to accept the new rate card and Commissioner Riley seconded the motion. **The motion passed.** A simulator showing 14,000 TEU's coming into Charleston was presented to the pilots and Commissioner Lempesis in Baltimore. It showed that the port could handle the larger vessels.

Mrs. Cox informed the Commission that she was retiring from LLR and that this was her last meeting. She has enjoyed here time with the Pilot Commission. Chairman Galloway on behalf of the Commission said that she will be missed and that it was a pleasure to work with her. They all wished her well on her retirement.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen K. Milligan
Executive Secretary

David Galloway
Chairman