

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

August 11, 2015
899 Morrison Drive
Charleston, SC 29402

Board members present were:

Mr. David Galloway, Chairman
Capt. Chris Thornton
Mr. Henry Hay
Mr. Billy Lempesis

Excused absences were noted for:

Mr. Ken Riley

Staff and others present were:

CDR. Heath Hartley, USCG
Capt. Whit Smith, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
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, August 11, 2015 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 July 14th meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Lempesis moved to accept the minutes. Commissioner Hay seconded the motion. **The motion passed.** Next, the Finance Report showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$1,533.25 and there were no deposits with all bills being paid, the Commission had \$8,405.77 on hand. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton moved to accept the Finance Report and Commissioner Hay seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

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

CDR Hartley said that the Coast Guard vessel Amble was in dry dock and should be back sometime in November. The new staff has all reported for duty.

Mrs. Cox was not able to attend the meeting but she had sent her LLR report. There were no physicals due in July or August. The NOD will be pre-filed for the new legislative session for January 2016. It has to be on file for 120 days. May of 2016 would be the time that the Regulations will timeout for passage. LLR Director Taylor has given the Governor's office another draft of the NTSB letter to be sent with the current date noted. Mrs. Cox will continue to check with Director Taylor on the status of

the letter. Please continue to send in information to be posted on the web site for the Commission.

There is no new activity on the Right Whale issue.

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

The search for a new physician to review the pilot applications is still on going and Commissioner Lempesis will check into the company that the State Port uses.

Under new business Capt. Lockwood received a letter from Mr. Walter Carr. Capt. Smith said that he was contacted by a reporter that was doing a story on the east coast lighthouses. He told the reporter that the Coast Guard maintain the lights and the harbor pilots do not use them for navigation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen K. Milligan
Executive Secretary

David Galloway
Chairman