

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

February 14, 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

Excused absence was noted for:

Mr. Kenneth Riley

Staff and others present were:

Capt. John Cameron, Chas. Harbor Pilots
Kate K. Cox, Administrator LLR
Noreen Milligan, Secretary
Capt. Michael White Jr., USCG
CDR Scott Higman, USCG
Brad Gettelfinger, Moran Shipping
Julia Winkler, TradeWorthy, Inc.
Cory Farr, Maritime Association

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at the Maritime Association Office at 899 Morrison Drive, in Charleston, South Carolina. Whereas, proper notice of date, time, place and agenda information having been properly provided 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 January 10th meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Hassell moved to accept the minutes and Capt. Thornton seconded the motion. The motion passed. The Finance Report was given and showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$3,050.00 and there were no deposits. It was stated with all bills having been paid, the Commission had \$1,331.69 on hand. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton moved to accept the Finance Report and Commissioner Lempesis seconded the motion.

Chairman Galloway asked for public comment. There was none.

The Coast Guard had no report.

Mrs. Cox gave the LLR report. She reported Bill #4182 (Pilotage Reg. 136-018) was pulled from consideration for legislative action by letter from the Commission and by Grant Gillespie of LLR. She reported no hearing was requested on the Omnibus Clean-

up bill number 4249 for the Pilotage. She stated she will continue to monitor this bill. It was reported there are three (3) pilots with physicals due in February and two (2) due for the month of March. She reminded the Commissioners that the Statements of Economic Interest are to be filed electronically by April 15, 2012. The national transportation Safety Board's request to the Pilotage Commission was mentioned and the Commission requested more direct communication with the Governor's Office in regard to the NTSB study. The result of the Pilot Fatigue study will be submitted to NTSB when approved by the Commission. Mrs. Cox stated she will contact the Governor's office for more direct communication. Mrs. Cox noted a motion was made at the last meeting to increase the fees pilots receive when they administer tests to an apprentice. Mrs. Cox stated any fee changes require legislative action by promulgation of a regulation regarding fees. The Commission stated they will leave the fees as they are at this time.

Capt. Cameron gave a presentation of his findings on the Pilot Fatigue Study for NTSB. His conclusions were:

The Commission's current policy of 300 movements a year inherently provides thorough fatigue management to the Branch Pilots.

The average daily rest and the worst case scenarios presented indicate that current policies and practices more than provide for adequate rest.

No statistically significant difference was found between the Two Mark and Three Mark rotations being practiced currently.

It was recommended this study be renewed at whatever interval the Commissioners deem appropriate.

There are no specific recommendations for additional controls at this time, as the status quo was found to be more than satisfactory.

Chairman Galloway asked Capt. Cameron if he would draft a letter to the Governor's Office on behalf of the Commission that they did the study and are in compliance with the NTSB. Capt. Cameron agreed.

There are no new updates on the Jasper Port or the Right Whale issue. Chairman Galloway asked for these to be taken off the agenda. There was nothing new to report on the Charleston Harbor Post 45 Project.

It was reported the DOT did an air draft survey on the Don Holt Bridge. They did a scan and confirmed that dead center at mean high water is 100 ft. (50 ft. on each side). It was also reported the pilots will meet and go over the finding and make a recommendation. It was noted they are also going to see if there is any federal funding available to purchase a monitoring device.

Commissioner Lempesis said that the first crane was moved from CST to WWT on February 12, 2012 and the next crane will be moved the following week.

Capt. Cameron said that the Statute 54-15-190 can be taken off of the agenda for now.

It was reported that no Charleston pilots that are licensed to operate in Georgetown, if they were needed in special circumstances. Capt. Cameron said that

they will talk with the Georgetown Commission and see if they can work something out. Chairman Galloway requested that this be taken off of the agenda.

The pilots requested a change to their drug policy. It was noted the current policy with IAC makes random and unannounced visits to the pilots' office, which serves as the urine sample collection site; and during visits, samples are collected among pilots and employees found present in the building.

The new proposed policy with IAC would have them randomly choose test dates and randomly develop a roster of participants from the duty pilots on that day. They will submit these to the President and/or Executive Director, who will direct the dispatcher to summon the selected pilots to appear during a 4-6 hr. testing window within the following 24 hrs. It will remain up to IAC to maintain proper sampling rates of pilots, as directed by the Commission. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton made the motion to change the drug policy as described and Commissioner Hassell seconded it. The motion was passed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen K. Milligan
Executive Secretary

David Galloway
Chairman