

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

June 12, 2012
899 Morrison Drive
Charleston, SC 29402

Board members present were:

Mr. David Galloway, Chairman
Mr. John Hassell, III
Mr. William Lempesis
Mr. Stanley Gamble (in for Mr. Riley)

Excused absence was noted for:

Capt. Chris Thornton
Mr. Ken Riley

Staff and others present were:

Capt. John Cameron, Chas. Harbor Pilots
Capt. Michael White Jr. USCG
CDR Scott Higman, USCG
Mrs. Kitty Cox, LLR
Ms. Julia Winkler, TradeWorthy Inc.
Mrs. Noreen Milligan, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday, June 12, 2012, 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 May 15th meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Hassell moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Lempesis seconded the motion. The motion passed. Next, the Finance Report showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$1,178.50 and there were no deposits. With all bills being paid, the Commission had \$358.95 on hand. **Motion:** Commissioner Hassell moved to accept the Finance Report and Commissioner Lempesis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chairman Galloway asked for public comment. There was none.

The Coast Guard report4ed that buoy #37 is back in place.

Mrs. Cox gave the LLR report. Bill 4249 should be published in the *State Register* on June 22, 2012. She will watch for this and give an update in the next report. Bill 1299 (Georgetown) was sent back to the Senate. She is not sure if they will cover this bill in the June 19th session. She will have an update in the next LLR report. There are 2 health certificates due for Pilots Thomas and Smith in June and July.

Capt. Cameron submitted a draft letter from Governor Haley to Chairperson Hersman in response to the NTSB study. The Commission read the letter. **Motion:**

Commissioner Hassell made a motion to have the letter sent to Governor Haley. Commissioner Lempesis seconded it. The motion passed. Capt. Cameron will send the letter to Mrs. Cox and she will have it sent to Governor Haley for her approval and signature. Capt. Cameron had nothing new to report on the Harbor Post 45 project. It was reported the Port is working with NOA on installing the air draft monitor on the Don Holt. Capt. Cameron said that the next phase in the lawsuit with the deepening of the Savannah River will be environmental and if the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers needs a S.C. pollution permit for the dredging. He said that the Savannah Commission has not done a simulation study on two vessels passing in the channel. He stated he will have an update at the next meeting.

Under new business it was reported the dock construction at the Pilot office has a target date for completion of September or October. It was reported a representative from NOA will be visiting the Harbor Pilots on June 13th to discuss the Right Whale issue with them. It was also reported the Pilots sent a letter to Ms. Pisarik, the new director of LLR, to congratulate her on her new position and to invite her to Charleston to visit the pilot office and to tour the harbor aboard one of the pilot boats.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen K. Milligan
Executive Secretary

David Galloway
Chairman