

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

August 14, 2012  
899 Morrison Drive  
Charleston, SC 29402

Board members present were:

Mr. David Galloway, Chairman  
Mr. William Lempesis  
Capt. Chris Thornton  
Mr. John Hassell, III

Excused absence was noted for:

Mr. Ken Riley

Staff and others present were:

Capt. John Cameron, Chas. Harbor Pilots  
Capt. Whit Smith, Chas. Harbor Pilot  
CDR Scott Higman, USCG  
Mrs. Kate K. Cox, LLR Administrator  
Ms. Julia Winkler, TradeWorthy Inc.  
Mrs. Noreen K. Milligan, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday, August 14, 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 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 July 12th meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Lempesis seconded the motion. The motion carried. Next, the Finance Report showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$14.00 (bank fee) and there were no deposits. With all bills being paid, it was reported the Commission had \$330.95 on hand. **Motion:** Commissioner Lempesis moved to accept the Finance Report and Commissioner Hassell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Galloway asked for public comment. There was none

The Coast Guard reported that there will be an explosive vessel coming to Pier Alfa in August and there will be a security zone around this vessel. It was reported they will be working for ten (10) days. It was reported there will be a dead ship tow on the 24<sup>th</sup> and it is coming from Norfolk and will start in around 10:00 a.m. with Moran Towing handling this. It was also reported there is a problem with people using green lasers on the beach in Myrtle Beach and these lasers can go out five (5) miles which can cause a problem for the pilots. The Coast Guard asked if anyone sees people using them to let the Coast Guard know, as they are keeping a track of them.

Mrs. Cox reported for LLR that the Insurance Reserve Fund (IRF) Class is being held on Friday, September 14, 2012 in Columbia from 10:00 to 12:00 and David Galloway will be attending. She reported there are 2 health certificates due, 1 in August and 1 in September.

Mrs. Cox reported the NTSB letter draft has been sent to Governor Haley. Mrs. Cox said that LLR has not heard of a response being sent to date. She will have an update for the next meeting.

It was reported as an update on the harbor deepening that CST will stay at 45ft., the basin will stay the same, and the anchorage will not be included in the improvement. Captain Cameron stated he will continue to keep the Commission informed of any new developments.

Commissioner Lempesis said that the air draft contract has been signed with NOAA. The port is waiting on NOAA to let them know when they can schedule the installation. It could be anywhere from six (6) months to a year. The pilots are working on a computer form that the vessels can fill out on their air drafts.

It was noted The Savannah River Commission will be meeting on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss the recent ruling. Captain Cameron will have an update for the next meeting. \

It was discussed the pilots would like to ask the SC Legislation to change the fees that are posted in the LLR regulations. Capt. Cameron will have a draft letter for the Commission to approve at the next meeting asking for the change.

Under New Business Commissioner Lempesis updated the Commission on the cranes that were damaged during a micro burst storm on July 27<sup>th</sup>. During the storm winds were up to 85 miles per hour. Crane 39028 started to travel down the rail and hit Crane 39025. With the wind and speed those cranes continued traveling and hit Cranes 39024 and 39023. Crane 39028 is back up and can be used if the Port needs it. The other 3 cranes are still being assessed for damage and if they will be able to be repaired.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen K. Milligan  
Executive Secretary

David Galloway  
Chairman