

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

September 13, 2011
899 Morrison Drive
Charleston, SC 29402

Commission members present were:

William P. Lempeis, Chairman
David Galloway
Capt. Whitemarsh S. Smith, III (in for Capt. Thornton)

Excused absences were noted for:

Kenneth Riley
John F. Hassell, III
Capt. Christopher H. Thornton
Kate K. Cox

Staff and others present were:

Capt. John Cameron, Chas. Harbor Pilots
Capt. Michael White Jr., USCG
CWO Robert Wilson, USCG
ENS John Santorum, USCG
Brad Gettelfinger, Moran Shipping
Cory Farr, Maritime Association
Noreen K. Milligan, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday, September 13, 2011, 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 Lempeis called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Chairman Lempeis asked the members to read the draft of minutes taken during the August 9th meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Galloway moved to accept the minutes and Capt. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed. The Finance Report was given and showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$1,038.36 and there were no deposits. With all bills being paid, it was stated the Commission had \$1,993.20 on hand. **Motion:** Capt. Smith moved to accept the Finance Report and Commissioner Galloway seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chairman Lempeis asked for public comment. ENS Santorum introduced himself to the Commission and stated he is in the Waterways Management Prevention Department for the Coast Guard.

CWO Wilson said that Towel Creek is on hold and there will be an update at the next meeting. He asked the pilots to send another letter regarding Buoy 2.

Chairman Lempesis noted Mrs. Cox was not able to attend the meeting so there was no LLR report; however, she will attend in October. He reported that there has been no change to the Reg. 136-018.

Capt. Cameron stated he had no new updates on Jasper Terminal. He reported Governor Haley has agreed to send a letter on behalf of the Pilots on the Right Whale issue.

Capt. Cameron thanked the Coast Guard for their wonderful tribute at Capt. Bennett's funeral.

Under New Business Capt. Cameron mentioned that there have been a few navigational problems with scheduling the pilots, vessels and tugs. Commissioner Lempesis said that the State Ports Authority is flexible on dockage of vessels and can work with the pilots on scheduling. He reported the Berthing Office sends out by e-mail the next day's schedule with what berths the vessels are going into and what times they are available so that the pilots know the times they are starting work. Commissioner Lempesis made the suggestion that they have a meeting with the tugs, pilots, agents, Maritime Association and the State Port. He asked Mr. Farr if he would set up a meeting and Mr. Farr agreed to do so.

Commissioner Lempesis introduced Commissioner Galloway as the next Chairman of the Pilotage Commission. He said Commissioner Galloway will assume the duties at the next meeting in October.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen K. Milligan
Executive Secretary

William P. Lempesis
Chairman