

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

March 18, 2015
899 Morrison Drive
Charleston, SC 29402

Board members present were:

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

Excused absence was noted for:

Mr. Ken Riley
Mr. John Hassell

Staff and others present were:

Capt. John Cameron, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Kitty Cox, LLR
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, March 18, 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 February 10th 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 \$1,262.63 and there were no deposits with all bills being paid, the Commission had \$3,984.13 on hand. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton moved to accept the Finance Report and Commissioner Lempesis seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

Chairman Galloway asked for public comment. Ms. Zaresk of the Maritime Association informed the Commission that Governor Haley was reappointing Capt. Smith to the S.C. State Port's Authority Board and appointing someone from the upstate to take Mr. Hassell's seat. The U.S. Coast Guard will have a new Captain of the Port in April.

Under old business there was no representation for the Coast Guard.

Mrs. Cox reported there was one physical for the month of March and one for April. The Commission was reminded to make sure that they have submitted there Statement of Economic Interest. They are due by March 30, 2015. The Upper Commission met on March 11 to discuss dredging issues. If there is any new information for the web site, please continue to submit to LLR.

There is still nothing new to report on the Right Whale issue.

There was no report on the Savannah River Commission.

Capt. Cameron said that the pilots are still waiting to hear back from the LLR legal counsel on the pilot regulations.

The CPI rate increase request was posted in the Post and Courier from February 12 – 15. The Harbor Pilots requested an increase from \$61.00 to \$61.50 GT and \$24.85 to \$25.05 DF. There were no written or oral comments at the Commission meeting in opposition of the increase. Chairman Galloway asked for a motion on the increase. Commssioner Hay moved to accept the increase and Commissioner Lempesis seconded the motion. **The motion passed.** The new rate card was handed out to the Commission. The effective date for the rate increase will be June 1, 2015.

Under new business Commissioner Thornton informed the Commission that 2 weeks ago a vessel had lost its anchor in the harbor and the Coast Guard was still searching for it. Commissioner Lempesis said that the WWT construction was postponed to August.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen K. Milligan
Executive Secretary

David Galloway
Chairman