

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

May 14, 2013
899 Morrison Drive
Charleston, SC 29402

Board members present were:

Mr. William Lempesis, Chairman
Mr. Henry Hay
Mr. John Hassell
Capt. Chris Thornton

Excused absence was noted for:

Mr. David Galloway
Mr. Ken Riley

Staff and others present were:

Capt. Whit Smith, Chas. Harbor Pilot
Capt. John Cameron, Harbor Pilot
Capt. Michael White, USCG
CDR Scott Higman, USCG
Mrs. Kitty Cox, LLR
Ms. Julia Winkler, TradeWorthy Inc.
Ms. PamZaresk, Maritime Assoc.
Mr. Denver Merrill, Maritime Assoc.
Mrs. Noreen Milligan, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday, May 14, 2013, 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 Lempesis called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Chairman Lempesis asked the members to read the draft of minutes taken during the April 9th meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Hassell seconded the motion. Next, the Finance Report showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$2,603.00 and there were no deposits, with all bills being paid, the Commission had \$2,391.87 on hand. **Motion:** Commissioner Hassell moved to accept the Finance Report and Commissioner Thornton seconded the motion.

Chairman Lempesis asked for public comment. There was none.

The Coast Guard had nothing new to report for this month.

Under the LLR Report, there were 1 physical for the month of May and 1 for the month of June. The website for the Commission is still being updated with new information that is being sent to LLR. The Commission of Lower and Upper Coastal met

the April 15, 2013 deadline to submit their reviews. LLR site for comment did not receive any comment for the Commission to consider. The Regulatory Review documents were submitted to Sheridan Spoon, Advice Counsel, for submission to LLR.

The air draft device has been installed and is working. The calibration of it is ongoing and will be finalized next week.

Commissioner Hassell had no new updates on the Savannah River Commission.

Ms. Cox informed the Commission that time had run out on the fee proposal request and said that the Commission can resubmit again this fall. It was stated the pilots may look into changing the wording to see if that will help to have to pass through the Legislature.

It was reported the pilots are still working with the manufacturer of the racon device that is on the Don Holt Bridge. The Commission asked Capt. Cameron to draft a letter from the Commission to the DOT to see if DOT can help expedite a solution to this matter. Ms. Cox asked Capt. Cameron to send a copy to Ms. Holly Pisarik, Director of LLR.

Under new business Capt. Cameron informed the Commission that a permit has been submitted to dredge and widen Shipyard Creek to 38 ft. deep and 300 ft. wide. Private funding is being used, He reported this is not part of the Harbor Deepening project.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen K. Milligan
Executive Secretary

William P. Lempeis
Chairman