

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

November 8, 2011
899 Morrison Drive
Charleston, SC 29402

Board members present were:

David Galloway, Chairman
William P. Lempesis
John Hassell, III
Captain Whit Smith

Excused absence was noted for:

Kenneth Riley
Captain Chris Thornton

Staff and others present were:

Captain John Cameron, Charleston Harbor Pilots
Captain Michael White Jr., USCG
Luther Greer, USCG
Kate K. Cox
Noreen Milligan, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday, November 8, 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 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 October 11, 2011 meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Hassell made a motion to accept the minutes and Capt. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed. Next, in the Finance Report, it was reported that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$3,012.50; there was one deposit of \$4,080.00; and with all bills being paid, the Commission had \$2,289.00 on hand. **Motion:** Capt. Smith made a motion to accept the Finance Report and Commissioner Hassell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chairman Galloway asked for public comment. There was none.

Chairman Galloway asked for the Coast Guard Report for this meeting; however, here was no report given. It was stated the Coast Guard will have updates at the next meeting.

Mrs. Cox gave the LLR Administrative Report. Mrs. Cox handed out a letter from the Director of LLR, Catherine Templeton. Director Templeton in the letter thanked everyone that was able to attend the LLR Board Symposium that met on October 11, 2011. The letter clarified some of the topics that were discussed at the symposium.

One topic was the LLR Omnibus Clean up. LLR has done an audit of the Practice Acts and Regulations of all boards and commissions. The one item noted for the Pilotage Commission clean-up was Article 2 regarding Port Royal. This was noted as unnecessary. It was suggested that this Article be removed and the Articles be renumbered. There were three other small corrections for clarity. Mrs. Cox said that this needs to be approved by December 1st and that the Commission can do this approval teleconference. The letter also discussed travel policies, the Engine Bill (the best practices from various boards as they solely and specifically relate to the administration of the agency) and conflicts of interest. The Regulation 136-018 is still in the waiting period. **Motion:** Commissioner Hassell made a motion to make the changes with final approval by Capt. Cameron. Commissioner Lempesis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Capt. Cameron is working on a letter to pass on to the Commission for review on the Jasper Port. The letter from the Governor on the Right whale issue has been sent to NOA. There have been no problems with the Right Whales at this time. Capt. Cameron said that the Army Corp of Engineers will be having a meeting on the Charleston Harbor deepening. There will be a public hearing in December but there is no location or time set. The pilots have sent a letter to Mr. Brennan of Norbridge, Inc. with 10 requests for the deepening of the harbor. He will have an update at the next meeting.

Commissioner Lempesis said that the repositioning of the cranes from CST to WWT is going well. WWT will be down to just 2 berths for about 2 weeks. The cranes from CST will be at the WWT around the middle of December. He will have an update at the next meeting.

Under new business Capt. Cameron said that they Army Corp had called to report that there was 545 ft of dredge pipe exposed on the bottom of Daniel Island Reach. The Coast Guard said that they would check into this and have the dredge company take care of this problem quickly. He reported the Coast Guard will be having a meeting on their Dead Ship Tow plan. There was a problem with a dead ship being towed to Deytons Ship Yard that hit Buoy 13. They are not sure if the tugs were having a problem because of weather. The tugs were from Norfolk. The pilots would like to have a survey on air draft or have a sensor placed on the Don Holt Bridge for air draft. They have a very narrow window. The air draft on the Ravenel Bridge is 186 ft. There is a vessel coming to Deytons for repairs and it may need more than 186ft. It was reported the customer may have to purchase a sensor for the vessel. Capt. Cameron said that the Don Holt problem is a priority for them and there will be more information on this at the next meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen K. Milligan
Executive Secretary

David Galloway
Chairman