

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

March 19, 2013
899 Morrison Drive
Charleston, SC 29402

Board members present were:

Mr. William Lempesis, Chairman
Capt. Chris Thornton
Mr. David Galloway
Mr. Henry Hay
Mr. Stanley Gamble (Representative for Mr. Riley)

Excused absence was noted for:

Mr. John Hassell
Mr. Ken Riley

Staff and others present were:

Capt. Whit Smith, Chas. Harbor Pilot
Capt. Michael White, USCG
CDR Scott Higman, USCG
Mrs. Kitty Cox, LLR
Mr. Sheridan Spoon, LLR
Mr. Gillespie Boyd, Jr., Upper Pilot Commission
Mr. Steven Strickland, Upper Pilot Commission
Ms. Pam Zaresk, Maritime Assoc.
Mr. Denver Merrill, Maritime Assoc.
Ms. Julia Winkler, TradeWorthy Inc.
Mrs. Noreen Milligan, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday, March 19, 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 February 11th meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Galloway seconded the motion. Next, the Finance Report showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$1,901.78 and there were no deposits. With all bills being paid, the Commission reported \$15.62 on hand. **Motion:** Commissioner Galloway moved to accept the Finance Report and Commissioner Hay seconded the motion.

Chairman Lempesis introduced Mr. Gillespie Boyd, Jr. Chairman and Mr. Steven Strickland, Secretary of the Pilot Commission of the Upper Coastal Area (Georgetown).

Chairman Lempesis asked for public comment The Coast Guard had nothing new to report at this time.

Under the LLR Report, Mrs. Cox reported tone physical was due in March and two are due in April. She reported as a reminder the Economic Interest Statements are due by April 15, 2013. She noted the Pilot Commission website is on line at LLR as discussed and the fee list has been added. Capt. Cameron submitted a new page to be added titled "Licensure with the Board". The change in the wording was approved and Capt. Cameron will send the change to LLR. She noted The Governor's Regulatory Review will be discussed under new business with Sheridan Spoon.

Chairman Lempesis said that the company installing the air draft monitor is hoping for a May completion date. He reported h e will have more information at the next meeting.

The Savannah River discussion was tabled until the next meeting because Capt. Cameron was not in attendance.

The pilot fee increase is still under advisement in Columbia. The Coast Guard has decreased the amount of drug tests from 50 to 25 as per federal standards.

Capt. Smith said that the New Air Draft policy is up and running and working great.

Representatives from the racon company are coming to the Pilot office to demonstrate a new product. Capt. Smith said that he would like for a technician to come and go over the device that is on the bridge.

The CPI increase was posted in the *Post and Courier* in February. There were no written responses and Chairman Lempesis asked if there was anyone at the meeting that had a response to the increase. There were none. **Motion:** Chairman Lempesis asked for a motion to pass the CPI increase. Commissioner Galloway made the motion and Commissioner Hay seconded it. The motion passed. The increase will go into effect on April 1, 2013.

Under new business Commissioner Galloway gave an update on the Channel 13 recording service from the Midstream to BP. It is still being worked on and they hope to have it operational in 1 to 2 weeks.

Mr. Spoon presented to the Commission the Governor's Regulatory Review by Executive order. It directs all Cabinet agencies to identify "its current and proposed statutes, rules, regulation and policies that are a burden on South Carolina's economy. All board recommendations must be completed by April 15, 2013 and submitted to LLR. LLR will then prepare and submit a written report to the Governor's Regulatory Review Task Force by May 15, 2013. Chairman Lempesis will meet with Capt. Cameron to go over the Policy and Procedure manual. Mrs. Cox asked the Commission to present their report at the next Commission meeting on April 9. The Upper Commission representatives asked if the two Commissions could submit a joint report. Mrs. Cox said that would be acceptable. Discussion followed on recent statute/regulation clean-up, fee requests, drug testing, and the duties and powers of the Commissions for Upper and Lower.

Mrs. Cox went over the procedure on the posting of the minutes and agenda that are taken at every meeting. Mrs. Milligan e-mails the agenda to the *Post and Courier* on Friday and she e-mails the minutes to Mrs. Cox and the Commissioners. Mrs. Cox posts the minutes to the LLR website once they are approved.

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