

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

October 9, 2012
899 Morrison Drive
Charleston, SC 29402

Board members present were:

Mr. David Galloway, Chairman
Mr. William Lempesis
Cap. Chris Thornton
Mr. John Hassell, III

Excused absence was noted for:

Mr. Ken Riley

Staff and others present were:

Capt. John Cameron, Chas. Harbor Pilots
Capt. Whit Smith, Chas. Harbor Pilot
CDR Scott Higman, USCG
Mr. Brad Gettelfinger, Moran Shipping
Mrs. Kitty Cox, LLR
Mr. Sheridan Spoon, LLR
Ms. Julia Winkler, TradeWorthy Inc.
Mrs. Noreen Milligan, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday, October 9, 2012, 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 September 11th meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Hassell made a motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner Lempesis seconded the motion. The motion passed. Next, the Finance Report was given and showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$958.55 and there was one deposit totaling \$2,040.00. It was reported with all bills having been paid, the Commission had \$2,279.90 on hand. **Motion:** Commissioner Hassell made a motion to accept the Finance Report and Commissioner Thornton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chairman Galloway asked for public comment. There was none

The Coast Guard reported the work on Buoy 31 was completed. They had nothing else to report.

In the LLR report It was stated Governor's Office was contacted again about the NTSB response letter. It was reported the Governor will not be signing the letter but the Commission can send the response with the Chairman's signature. The Commission discussed sending the letter and decided not to send the response at this time. It was

reported there is no new information on the reviewing of the policies and procedures of the Commission and LLR will keep the Commission informed of all updates. Mrs. Cox reported LLR received the letter requesting regulation changes. Mr. Spoon said that LLR Director Holly Pisarik has asked for more information on the regulation changes and fee increases. The Commission stated they will send a new request with additional information. It was noted the Commissioners can order personalized Commission tags for their vehicles if they are interested. It was reported LLR held an Insurance Reserve Fund (IRF) Class on September 14th in Columbia. Commissioner Galloway, Mrs. Cox and Mr. Spoon attended the class. Mr. Spoon gave a review of the pertinent points that were discussed in the class with the Commission. The Commission was informed that they do not have to purchase the extra insurance from the State and all the Commissioners are covered under the state IRF policy. It was also reported there are two (2) annual health forms for pilots due in November and three (3) in December.

It was stated there was no new information on the Harbor Post 45 project and Capt. Cameron will keep the Commission up to date.

It was reported the pilots and agents met to go over the new Air Draft Form that the pilots are requesting the agents fill out on their vessels. The agents asked for the wording to be changed on the form. The pilots are very pleased with the information that is being submitted on the forms and there was a vessel that was diverted to the Wando Terminal from North Charleston because of the air draft restrictions.

Capt. Cameron said there is a report out that if the Savannah River is deepened to 47 ft. it would be able to move vessels in and out 12hrs a day. The model that was used for this report was based on S class vessels. He will have more to report at the next meeting.

It was reported the Commission has not been requiring pilot applicants to include the one-time fee of \$25.00 with their applications. Mrs. Milligan will inform all applicants of the fee.

The new air draft policy change is in the middle of the 60 day review. There are no new updates to report.

Under new business it was stated Mr. Henry Hay is waiting for his confirmation from the Governor's office to be appointment to the Pilot Commission.

The pilots submitted a letter to the Commission on the Hanjin Gdynia loss of power on September 29, 2012. The vessel was outbound when it lost power in the vicinity of buoys 13 and 14 around 04:00. The pilot radioed tugs to assist the vessel immediately and also radioed other pilots to avoid the area. The vessel was taken to Columbus Street Terminal. The Coast Guard had to approve the vessel was fit to sail.

It was reported the Ra-Con device on the Don Holt Bridge is not working. The pilots have requested the DOT to keep it serviced and in working order. They asked the Coast Guard if they would check in to this on their behalf.

Chairman Galloway's addressed the Commission and thanked them for their support during his term as Chairman. He introduced Commissioner Lempesis as the new Chairman for the next year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen K. Milligan
Executive Secretary

David Galloway
Chairman