

Board of Louisiana River Pilot Review & Oversight

Minutes of the Board of Louisiana River Pilot Review & Oversight Meeting
December 16, 2010

Location: New Orleans – Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots Association
2805 Harvard Street
Metairie, LA 70006

Board Members Present:

Judge Richard J. Ganuchau – Chairman
Judge Richard Garvey
Captain Craig Andrews
Captain Christopher Brown
Captain Charles P. Steinmuller
Captain Brett A. Palmer
Mr. Adam McBride
Mr. Bruce Bradley
Mr. Richard M. Lyons

Also Present:

John D. Person – MRG – Attorney
Michael Delesdernier, Esq. – Counsel for the Board of River Port Pilot Commissioners

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman Ganuchau.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

(Transcript of Meeting, p. 4)

The minutes from the Board's June 23, 2010 meeting were approved.

Discussion of Selection of a CPA Firm to Audit the Board's Finances

(Transcript of Meeting, p. 5-7)

The CPA firm of Postlethwaite & Netterville was selected to perform the audit of the Board's finances.

Compliance with RS:49:1301-1306

(Transcript of Meeting, p. 8-20)

Mr. Person discussed the Board's compliance with this statute that requires information about the board to input into a database that is published on the internet. Chris Barbier, legal assistant at MRG, was selected to be the person who will input this information on behalf of the Board.

Future Funding

(Transcript of Meeting, p. 20- 55)

Chairman Ganucheau and Mr. Bradley discussed different methods for funding the board, including a tariff on shipping in the Mississippi and Calcasieu Rivers. Mr. Bradley is opposed to industry bearing the full amount of this cost. Industry is open to sharing the cost with the pilot groups. The tariff that would be imposed would not be very much per ship. Capt. Gibbs has been helping to get the board in a position to secure a long term source of funding. Chairman Ganucheau discussed his dealings with the Pilot Fee Commission, which did not result in any assistance for the Board. A budget committee will be formed to work on a sustainable source of funding for the Board.

It was resolved that Capt. Steinmuller provide a template for an Investigator's report that can be used to cross reference incident reports with final dispositions.

Payment of Invoices

(Transcript of Meeting, p. 55)

It was resolved that the Board pay the invoice for Middleberg, Riddle & Gianna for legal services for the past three months in the amount of \$1,056.44.

Next Meeting Date

(Transcript of Meeting, p. 61)

The next Board meeting was set for February 3, 2011.

Adjournment

(Transcript of Meeting, p. 62)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m. by Chairman Ganucheau.

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Judge Richard Garvey, Secretary