

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
BOARD OF PILOT COMMISSIONERS
Hutchinson Island Marriott Beach Resort & Marina
555 NE Ocean Boulevard
Hutchinson Island
Stuart, Florida 34996
July 13, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Robas called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Members Present

Commissioner Sweeney, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Bryson
Commissioner Buford
Commissioner Fernandez
Commissioner Frudaker
Commissioner Hiers
Commissioner Molitor
Commissioner Phipps
Commissioner Robas

Members Not Present

Commissioner Buffington, Chair

Others Present

Robyn Barineau, Executive Director
Elise Rice, Government Analyst
Drew Winters, Prosecuting Attorney
Mary Ellen Clark, Board Counsel
Galen Dunton, Board Consultant
David Leech, Ft. Pierce Pilots Association
Ken Shields, Vice-President of Operations, Ft. Pierce
David de la Parte, Counsel for Florida State Pilots Association (FSPA)
Jorge Viso, President, FSPA
Gretchen Rayborn, Executive Director, FSPA
Bill Wetzels, Deputy Pilot, Ft. Pierce
Allen Thompson, Tampa Bay Pilots Association

Commissioner Robas informed the Committee that Commissioner Buffington would not present at this meeting and his absence was excused. Commissioner Robas asked that former Commissioner Dave Leech address the Board before the start of the Finance Committee Meeting.

Captain David Leech welcomed everyone to Ft. Pierce. He introduced Captain Bill Wetzel, Deputy Pilot for the Port of Ft. Pierce, and Mr. Ken Shields Vice-President of Operations in Ft. Pierce.

Mr. Shields welcomed the Board and stated that the Port appreciated the Board holding a meeting in Ft. Pierce. He informed the Board that Ft. Pierce is the last privately owned and operated private port in Florida, with no governmental oversight. Mr. Shields stated that they have 22 feet of draft and 1500 linear feet of berthing space and some additional space they feel will be developed soon. There has been a ten percent increase of vessels and thinks that the future is bright for their area. Mr. Shields reported that currently they have three vessels that sail five to six times weekly. He commented that they hope to have a demand for additional pilots in the future.

Commissioner Robas thanked Mr. Shields again for attending the meeting.

Commissioner Sweeney chaired the meeting at this time.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING

April 10, 2006

MOTION: Commissioner Hiers made a motion that the Committee approve the April 20, 2006, minutes as submitted.

SECOND: Commissioner Robas seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF 3RD QUARTER RESULTS

Commissioner Sweeney reviewed the expenses and it was noted that the General Counsel expense had increased. Mr. Winters, Prosecuting Attorney, informed the Committee that there had been an increase in the workload due to hearings, travel and transcripts that were necessary.

Commissioner Sweeney questioned the expenses for Testing. Commander Dunton responded that there was an additional exam and most of the increased cost were due to experts reviewing the exam challenges.

Commissioner Sweeney informed the Committee that they should end the year in good shape with a cushion of approximately \$100,000.

APPROVAL OF 5 YEAR BUDGET

Commissioner Sweeney stated that he would like to wait until Commissioner Buffington is present to review the five year budget.

Commissioner Molitor commented that the headings on the spreadsheets should be consistent and suggested both forms either read 05/06 or 06/05.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.