

## **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 3<sup>RD</sup> 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.