

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

March 10, 2020
6 Concord Street
Charleston Branch Pilot Office
Chas, SC 29401

Board Members present were:

Mr. Henry Hay III (Chairman)
Mr. David Galloway
Ms. Amy Riley
Mr. Joel Britt

Excused Absences were noted for:

Mr. Ken Riley
Capt. Chris Thornton
Mr. Darrell Johnson

Staff and other present were:

Capt. Whit Smith, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Capt. John Cameron, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Lt. Chad Ray, USCG
Ms. Laura Smith LLR (phone)
Mr. Hardwick Stuart, LLR Advice Counsel (phone)
Mrs. Noreen Milligan, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday March 10, 2020 at the Charleston Branch Pilot Office, 6 Concord Street 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 on the LLR website/Pilotage 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 reference herein was unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Chairman Hay asked the Commission to approve the agenda. **Motion:** Commissioner Riley moved to approve the agenda and Commissioner Britt seconded it. **The motion passed.** Chairman Hay asked the members to read the draft of minutes taken during the February 11, 2020 meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Riley moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Britt seconded the motion. **The motion passed.** Next, the Financial Report showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$711.35 and there was one deposit of \$4,560.00, the Commission had \$24,839.28 on hand. **Motion:** Commissioner Riley moved to accept the Financial Report and Commissioner Britt seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

Under Old Business, Lt. Ray gave the Coast Guard report. The Coast Guard and Pilots are still discussing the Hog Island Range. He had nothing new to report.

Ms. Smith gave the LLR Report. There are two physicals for March. There was no new information to report on the Lower Pilotage Policies and Procedures Manual. It is time for all Commissioners to update their information on the State Ethics form. It must be submitted by the end of March. Please continue to send updates to the new LLR Web site llr.sc.gov/pilot.

Capt. Cameron said that there was nothing new to report on the Savannah River Commission.

There was no new information on the Trans-Atlantic Race

Chairman Hay has signed two letters from the Commission on addressing the safety issue with pilot ladders. The pilots are handing the letter and cover letter when they board vessels and are mailing the letters to the agents. Capt. Cameron said that the ship captains have been very receptive to the letters. Commissioner Riley asked if any other ports are taking action. Capt. Cameron said that they were and Charleston was the 1st to handle this important safety issue.

Capt. Cameron said that there is no new information on S. 689. He will continue to keep the Commission up to date.

Under new business, the stipulation for the dredge speed was issued from NOAA. The pilots are contacting them to discuss the problem. They will have an update at the next meeting.

The COLA (cost of living rate adjustment) was published in the *News and Courier* from March 2 through March 5, 2020. It is based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for CY 2019 of 2.3%. This time frame meets the criteria of 30 days. The Commission will be able to act on this agenda item at the April meeting.

There were no Commissioner comments.

There were no legal comments.

There were no public comments.

There were no announcements.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Hay III
Chairman

Noreen K. Milligan
Secretary

