

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

May 14, 2020
6 Concord Street
Charleston Branch Pilot Office
Chas, SC 29401

****Meeting was conducted by conference call*****

Board Members present were:

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

Excused Absences were noted for:

Mr. Ken Riley
Mr. Darrell Johnson

Staff and other present were:

Capt. John Cameron, Pilot Commission Consultant
Capt. Whit Smith, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Ms. Elizabeth Hills, Charleston Pilot Assoc.
Lt. Chad Ray, USCG
Ms. Laura Smith LLR
Mr. Hardwick Stuart, LLR Advice Counsel
Mrs. Noreen Milligan, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday May 14, 2020 by conference call. 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 Hay 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 Galloway moved to approve the agenda and Commissioner Riley seconded it. **The motion passed.** Chairman Hay asked the members to read the draft of minutes taken during the April 14, 2020 meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Riley moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Galloway seconded the motion. **The motion passed.** Next, the Financial Report showed that checks written since the last meeting totaled \$502.00 and there was one deposit of \$4,560.00 and the Commission had \$28,141.72 on hand. **Motion:** Commissioner Riley moved to accept the Financial Report and Commissioner Galloway seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

Under Old Business, Lt. Ray gave the Coast Guard report. Buoys 11 and 12 are back in place. He had nothing else to report.

Ms. Smith gave the LLR Report. There was one physical for April and one for May. The physicals all have extensions because of Covid-19. There was no new information to report on the Lower Pilotage Policies and Procedures Manual. 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.

The Pilots have had discussions with the dredging companies and there have been no more issues with them. This agenda item can be removed.

Capt. Cameron said that the Pilots have had no issues so far with Covid-19. All the safety measures that they have in place are being maintained. Commissioner Galloway asked the Coast Guard if they are still having the daily phone calls. They said that they are having the phone calls on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for now.

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 Capt. Cameron informed the Commission that Capt. Robert Upton a Savannah Harbor Pilot has asked if he could be registered to work in Port Royal, South Carolina. Capt. Cameron said that he would need to submit a registration fee of \$960 to the Commissioners of Pilotage of the Lower Coastal Area, have a physical exam done, a drug test certification and a copy of his Port Royal license. If he has this all submitted to the pilots before the June Pilot Commission meeting, Capt. Cameron would give an update at that time. He asked for this to be placed on next month's agenda. Commissioner Galloway said that Channel 13 is not recording and being maintained. Chairman Hay will check into it and have an update for the next meeting. This will be added to June's agenda.

Under Commissioner comments, Commissioner Thornton said that there has been a 20% drop in business because of the Covid-19 virus. Commissioner Galloway asked for the replacement of Mrs. Milligan as the Commission secretary to be placed on the June agenda.

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

