

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

August 11, 2020

6 Concord Street

Charleston Branch Pilot Office

Charleston, South Carolina 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. 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.

Ms. Laura Smith, LLR

Mr. Hardwick Stuart, LLR Advice Counsel

Mr. Nick Wong, Maritime Assoc.

Ms. Owen Gregory, Secretary

Ms. Noreen Milligan, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday August 11, 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 to 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 5:00PM. All votes reference herein were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Chairman Hay asked the Commission to approve the agenda. **Motion:** Commissioner Riley moves to approve the agenda and Commissioner Thornton seconded it. **The motion passed.** Chairman Hay asked the members to read the draft of minutes taken during the July 14, 2020 meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Riley seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

Commissioner Galloway is still working on the Channel 13 recordings. Trying to work out the rates for mobile card transmitting. He will give an update at the September meeting.

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

Ms. Smith gave the LLR Report. The physicals all have extensions because of COVID-19. Capt. Cameron let the Commission know that all the Pilots have kept up with their scheduled physicals and that Lockwood would schedule his physical when he returns to work from shoulder surgery.

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

Capt. Cameron informed the Commission that a buoy had been displaced in the entrance channel. Buoy #10 had to be towed out during the survey, and has been properly reset. Buoys that were displaced for dredging are going back into position of the entrance channel.

Capt. Cameron said that the apprentice 6 month evaluations produced grades of satisfactory and that the numbers were creeping upwards. Two Pilots were marked as not observed due to Covid-19, and that it will not affect their grades. All the apprentices did very well coming back into rotation, considering their circumstances with COVID-19.

Under New Business, Capt. Cameron and Capt. Thornton informed the Commission about another Pilot tragedy in New York, just eight months after another tragedy with the same Pilots Assoc. It was advised that the Commission send out an amended Safety Ladder Letter to Pilots regarding Ladder Safety Procedures and to report any problems to the local Coast Guard. Capt. Thornton informed the Commission that Pilots had drills and exercises on ladder safety and what procedures to take if a ladder safety situation should arise.

Nick Wong, the new President of the South Carolina Maritime Association introduced himself to the Commission. He also leads the Harbor Safety Commission. Everyone welcomed him and looks forward to working with him.

Under Commissioner comments, everyone wished Ms. Milligan a happy retirement and thanked her for all of her help during her tenure as Secretary of the Commission.

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

A.Owen Gregory
Secretary

