

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

October 13, 2020

Charleston Branch Pilots Association Office

6 Concord Street

Charleston, South Carolina 29401

\*\*\*Meeting was conducted by Conference Call\*\*\*

Board Members Present:

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 Others Present:

Capt. John Cameron, Pilot Commission Consultant

Capt. Whit Smith, Charleston Pilots Assoc.

Ms. Elizabeth Hills, Charleston Pilot Assoc.

Ms. Laura Smith, LLR

Mr. Hardwick Stuart, LLR Advice Counsel

Mr. Nick Wong, Charleston Maritime Assoc.

Lt. Richard Keefauver, USCG

Ms. Owen Gregory, Secretary

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday October 13, 2020 by conference call. Whereas, proper notice of date, time, place and agenda information having been properly provided 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 a quorum having been noted as present, Chairman Hay called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Chairman Hay asked the Commission to approve the agenda. **Motion:** Commissioner Riley moved to approve the agenda and Commissioner Thornton seconded. **The motion passed.** Chairman Hay asked the members to read and review the draft of minutes taken during the September 8, 2020 meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Riley seconded. **The motion passed.** Chairman Hay asked the members to

review the financial report. Motion: Commissioner Riley moved to accept the financial report and Commissioner Thornton seconded. **The motion passed.**

Under old business, Lt. Keefeauver reported for the Coast Guard. USCG report on aides to navigation - buoys 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 7A, and 8 are off station due to dredging. Lt. Keefeauver is awaiting information on when they will be moved back on station. There is a request in place to move buoy 47A. The buoy wreck at number 9 offshore is marked by a white buoy with a white light quick flash characteristic. It is located almost right on top of the current number 9 buoy. The Wando range center line of channel and reconfiguration was discussed. USCG has some ideas and drawings they will discuss further and put out a notice in the local notice to mariners. They are in receipt of the letter the Pilots submitted to them.

Commissioner Galloway reported that he is working with Kevin at Cantey Technology Solutions regarding channel 13 recording. The hardware is running with Windows 7. Commissioner Galloway authorized a key to Cantey Solutions to get into the software. The Commission should receive a quote in the next month from Kevin regarding maintenance and back up.

Capt. Cameron reported that there was no Savannah River Maritime Commission meeting since our last meeting. He advised the Commission that there is great momentum behind the project. Nothing further to report, and he will keep the Commission advised moving forward.

Ms. Smith reported for LLR. Ms. Smith advised that due to Covid-19, physical postponements are still in effect. Ms. Smith is waiting to receive physicals from Capt. Teal, Capt. Cisco and Capt. Walters. Capt. Cameron reported that all pilots have kept up with their scheduled physicals during this time.

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

Capt. Cameron reported that there have been no new reports regarding Pilot/Ladder Safety since the last Commission meeting.

Capt. Cameron updated the Commission that the apprentices are nearing completion of their apprenticeship. The apprentices are currently in the process of their testing with the Coast Guard. There are four parts to the test that must be completed. The apprentices must draw from memory the shoreline chart including all features that aide in navigation including obstructions, buoys, land fixtures, etc. Part 1 of the test has been fully graded, and grading is in progress for Part 2.

Captain Cameron asked that apprentice updates remain on the agenda as the apprentices complete testing, their appearance before a marine board of retired pilots and final recommendations and other elements of training are completed.

There was no new business.

There were no legal comments.

There were no public comments.

There were no Commissioner 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