

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

July 13 2021

Charleston Branch Pilots Association Office  
6 Concord Street

Charleston, South Carolina 29401

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

Board Members Present:

Ms. Amy Riley (Chairwoman)  
Mr. Henry Hay III  
Mr. Kenny Riley  
Mr. Joel Britt

Excused Absences were noted for:

Mr. David Galloway  
Capt. Chris Thornton  
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  
Lt. Chad Ray, USCG  
Mr. Mark Engle, USCG, Federal Projects Manager

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met Tuesday July 13, 2021 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, Chairwoman Riley called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

Chairwoman Riley asked the members to read and review the draft of minutes taken during the June 8, 2021 meeting. **Motion:** Commissioner Hay moved to accept the minutes and Commissioner Riley seconded. **The motion passed.** Chairwoman Riley asked the Commission to approve the June Financial Report. **Motion:** Commissioner Hay moved to accept the financial report and Commissioner Britt seconded. **The motion passed.**

Under old business, Lt. Ray reported on behalf of the Coast Guard. Cutter Willow has relocated 48A for dredging. Wando River buoys 2, 3, 4 and 5 have been moved into their permanent positions. The Wando Lower Reach Post-45 widening and deepening project is now complete. The Area around Buoy 7A has been accepted. Buoys 19 and 22 are not ready to be put back on station at this time. Mark Engle, the Federal Projects Manager from the Coast Guard Seventh District informed the Commission that the Pilot's letter for Post-45 buoy placements was well received and is under review.

Mark Engle reported that the Wando Range virtual depiction has been set up via AIS to preview the proposed replacement range to mark the new channel centerline due to the asymmetric widening. The Coast Guard looks forward to hearing feedback regarding the proposed replacement range. The old rear range tower will not be removed for some time; it will be lit as a hazard until removal. Capt. Cameron will provide the Commission with a letter from the Pilots to the Coast Guard for proposed Post-45 buoys.

Ms. Smith reported for LLR. LLR is prepared and ready to produce the Pilots ID cards as soon as all photos have been received. Ms. Smith reported that physicals are still due.

Capt. Cameron reported that there is nothing new regarding the legislative bills at this time.

Capt. Cameron reported as recently as last week, a ships master reported a crew member tested positive for Covid-19 and was in need of medevac. We continue to consult with our contracted Doctor and follow precautions.

Under New Business Capt. Cameron informed the Commission Chairman Riley signed new licenses for Capt. Sanders and Capt. Weil for the Lower Coastal Area to the correct geographic applicability.

There were no Commissioners 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,  
Ms. Amy Riley  
Chairwoman

A.Owen Gregory  
Secretary