

Minutes of the Lower Coastal Commission of Pilotage Meeting

June 11, 2024

Charleston Branch Pilots Association Office
6 Concord Street
Charleston, South Carolina 29401

Board Members Present:

Mr. Henry Hay (Chairman)
Mr. Joel Britt
Capt. Chris Thornton
Mrs. Amy W. Page

Excused Absences were noted for:

Mr. David R. Galloway
Mr. Ben Flowers
Mr. Darrell Johnson

Staff and Others Present:

Capt. John Cameron, Pilot Commission Consultant
Capt. Crayton Walters, Charleston Pilots Association
Ms. Laura Smith, LLR
Mr. Hardwick Stuart, LLR Counsel
Lt. James Sullivan, USCG

The Commissioners of Pilotage for the Port of Charleston met June 11, 2024 at the Charleston Pilots Office. 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 Page called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. All votes referenced herein were unanimous otherwise noted.

Chairman Page asked the members to approve the agenda. **Motion:** Commissioner Thornton moved to accept the agenda and Commissioner Britt seconded. **The motion passed.** Chairman Page asked the Commission to approve the May 14, 2024 minutes and the May financial reports. **Motion:** Commissioner Hay moved to accept the minutes and the financial report and Commissioner Thornton seconded. **The motion passed.**

Under old business, Lt. Sullivan reported for the Coast Guard. There is no progress on the light at Drum Island. Lighted buoy 72A will be placed back in the water during the week of June 15th. There will be an Oil Spill prep exercise on Thursday June 13 at 1600 hrs.

Ms. Smith reported for LLR. Capt. MacIntire's physical is due by 6/30.

Capt. Cameron informed the Commission that NOAA's Right Whale ruling could be published soon, but that it would not be implemented before November 15. The Pilot's Regulation Committee has met and will meet again before the July meeting and will forward any suggestions on to the Commissioners. Commissioner Thornton asked that this item be added to the July Agenda.

Under New Business, Commissioner Hay wanted to recognize and commend Capt. Thornton for his efforts as well as commend Capt. Cameron and the entire team, along with the USCG and local law enforcement on the State and County level for the warnings and the response for this unprecedented event that took place on the MSC Michigan. Capt. Walters commented that Capt. Cameron and the Pilot dispatchers coordinated and communicated all of the pertinent warnings up and down the river. Capt. Cameron attended the SC Emergency Management meeting today and the entire commission extended the same accolades to everyone. Chairman Page mentioned that they had met with the NTSB and the USCG on Monday and commended the joint response. Chairman Page signed a letter from the Commission to request party status from the NTSB and Party and Interest status with the USCG.

There were no Commissioner Comments.

Under legal comments, Mr. Stuart moved to go into Executive. Commissioner Page seconded. Everyone will be excused except for the Commission and Legal.
Commissioner Page moved to come out of Executive Session.

There were no Announcements.

There were no public comments.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Amy W. Page
Chairman

A. Owen Gregory
Secretary