

Minutes of Meeting

15 Aug 2012

The Pilotage Commission for the Port of Georgetown held a regularly scheduled meeting on August 15, 2012 for the purpose of holding a Business Meeting. The meeting, held at 5:00 pm in the United Way building on Front Street in Georgetown, was duly published.

Attending Commissioners:
Edwin Jayroe, Acting Chair
Clayton Bull

Steve Strickland

Also Attending:
Kitty Cox
Michael Elmore, SCSPA

Douglas Miller

Acting Chairman Edwin Jayroe called the meeting to order. The LLR Opening Statement was read.

The minutes of the previous meeting were deferred.

Pilot's Report - Pilot Edwin Jayroe gave an update on shipping, with 1 ship per month coming in. The current usable draft is 19 feet due to siltation, with daylight movements only. The Coast Guard is working on repair of the range lights, with Alpha range having the structures rebuilt but no lights. The B range to Rabbit Island has lights on. No dayboards are installed.

LLR Report – Bill 4249 (the clean up bill) passed, Bill 1299 (to add commission members) did not pass and will need to be refilled. There have been reports of problems with green lasers along the coast interfering with shipping and rescue operations. The Lower Commission has raised fees on pilots to \$960 for the 20 pilots.

SCSPA Report - Michael Elmore made comments on the current port operations. SCSPA is looking for smaller draft vessels. They have 2 clients looking at Port of Georgetown, as well as some mid-stream inquiries. Concrete shipments is up to 4 barges per month with 500K tons/yr signed up with a possibility of 600K.

A general discussion of midstream mooring was held, the Alliance has filed a permit application for Winyah Bay, and the Maybank permit is still on public notice. Charleston has two midstream anchorages. Morrison or Cape Romain would be good sources for cost information for construction.

No further business was brought before the Commission.

Edwin Jayroe moved for adjournment. This being duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven G. Strickland