Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of River Port Pilot Commissioners and Examiners (Calcasieu) held at 3:00 P.M., May 18, 2023 in the Board Room of the Port of Lake Charles located at 1611 W. Sallier St., Lake Charles, Louisiana.

In attendance and constituting a quorum, were:

Captain Chuck Gilchrist, Chairman

Mr. Dwayne Chatoney, Vice Chairman

Mr. Thomas Lorenzi, Secretary

Absent:

None

Also present:

Captain Brett Palmer, Lake Charles Pilots Association

Captain Michael Smith, apprentice pilot

Captain Kirby Alford, apprentice pilot

Captain Gilchrist called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

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1. Approval of the February 2, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes.

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Mr. Chatoney offered a motion to approve the February 2, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes. Mr. Lorenzi seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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1. Consideration and appropriate action regarding approval for the Lake Charles Pilots to submit applications for two Pilot Commissions.

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Captain Palmer stated that one year ago two pilots were approved to join the association in the training program. They have been here for one year and have their resumes and documentation to show they have completed all of their required and additionally required training.

Captain Palmer stated they both have 339 transits on the Calcasieu River. He is asking the Board to approve the Pilot Association to take the next step and make an application for a Pilot Commission for Captains Michael Smith and Kirby Alford. They will need a letter of support from the Board.

Mr. Chatoney offered a motion to approve Captains Smith and Alford for a Pilot Commission. Mr. Lorenzi seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There were two incidents that Captain Palmer wanted to let the Board know. One was with the *MV Flex Aurora.* They had a steering outage on their way inbound. There were no injuries.

The other incident involved the *MV Waalborg.* They temporarily touched bottom on their way outbound. There was a near miss with a shrimp vessel. They maneuvered the *M/V Waalborg* outside the channel to the anchorage area. There were no injuries.

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4. Other matters that may properly come before the Board

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There were no other matters to come before the Board.

Mr. Chatoney offered a motion to adjourn. Mr. Lorenzi seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.