

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
January 6, 2022

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on January 6, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the Harrison County Utility Authority Board Room, at 10271 Express Drive in Gulfport, Mississippi. In attendance were:

BOARD AND STAFF:

- Mayor Billy Hewes, City of Gulfport, Director
- Mayor Jimmy Rafferty, City of Pass Christian, Director
- Mayor Andrew "Fofa" Gilich, City of Biloxi, Director
- Mayor George Bass, City of Long Beach, Director
- Mr. Al Gombos, representing the City of D'Iberville
- Supervisor Marlin Ladner, Harrison County (1), Director
- Mr. John Wilson, Executive Director, HCUA
- Ms. Cindy Breau, Chief Financial Officer, HCUA
- Mr. Alan Lane, Solid Waste Coordinator, HCUA
- Ms. Sheila Marsh, Office Manager, HCUA
- Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter, Attorneys and Esquire
- Jaclyn Turner, representing Harrison County (2)

ABSENT:

AUDIENCE:

- Cindy Lamb, Pickering Firm, Inc.
- Bernie Parker, City of Long Beach, Councilman
- Shea Magee, Waste Management
- Charles Roberts, Pelican Waste
- Linda Tucker, Garver, LLC
- Kreg Overstreet, Garver, LLC

Letters of Designations are attached hereto as exhibit "A".

There being a quorum sufficient to transact business of the Authority, Mayor Andrew "Fofa" Gilich, representing City of Biloxi, called the meeting to order. The following proceedings were had and done.

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A. Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

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B. Public Comments

Mayor Andrew “Fofo” Gilich opened the floor for public comments.

Mr. Al Gombos explained that the D’Iberville City Council expressed concerns during a D’Iberville City Council Meeting regarding debris flying out onto the roads from uncovered trash containers hauled by garbage trucks. It has been determined that the garbage trucks with unsecured loads are dumpster haulers and not residential haulers and the haulers are sometimes from neighboring counties. Mr. Gombos expressed the need for a community approach and joint resolution to hold all haulers accountable for debris liter. There will be more discussion in the future and suggestions are welcomed by HCUA Board Members for a resolution.

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C. Approval of the Claims Docket dated January 6, 2022

The Claims Docket dated January 6, 2022, was included in the board package for approval. An error was made identifying the Claims Docket during the board meeting as Claims Docket dated December 16, 2021. January 6, 2022, Claims Docket was approved.

Mayor George Bass made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated January 6, 2022, seconded by Mr. Al Gombos. A vote resulted in the following:

Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	aye
D’Iberville	voted	aye
Long Beach	voted	aye
Harrison County (1)	voted	aye
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed. A copy of the Claims Docket is attached hereto as exhibit “B”.

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D. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated December 16, 2021

The Board Meeting Minutes dated December 16, 2021, was included in the board package for approval. An error was made identifying the Board Meeting Minutes during the board meeting as Board Meeting Minutes dated December 2, 2021. December 16, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes were approved.

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated December 16, 2021, seconded by Mayor George Bass. A vote resulted in the following:

Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	aye
D'Iberville	voted	aye
Long Beach	voted	aye
Harrison County (1)	voted	aye
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed. A copy of Board Meeting Minutes dated December 16, 2021 is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

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Presented for approval was the Technical Meeting Minutes, dated December 8, 2021. Mr. John Wilson noted that the Technical Meeting Minutes was presented and approved at the December 16, 2021, Board Meeting.

Mayor Billy Hewes was absent from the Board Meeting dated December 16, 2021. Mayor Hewes noted interest in the discussion at the December 16, 2021, Board Meeting, regarding the Technical Meeting Minutes, dated December 8, 2021, involving the Facility Plan.

Mr. John Wilson explained that there will be discussions with The City of Biloxi and then The City of Gulfport for solutions and revisions on the Facility Plan. The revised Facility Plan will be presented at the January 26, 2022, Technical Committee Meeting for discussion. Once projects are approved, maps and environmental checks will be presented in the submission to the MDEQ and SRF.

Mr. Al Gombos noted that at the December 8, 2021, Technical Committee Meeting, the Facility Plan included, Project 7th Av PS listed as priority #17 and that 50% of funding is part of the current Fiscal Year Budget. Mr. Gombos expressed the lack of no progress on the project.

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E. Action Items

1. Old Business

None

2. New Business

E2a. Award West Biloxi Generator

Mr. John Wilson explained that the West Biloxi Generator was damaged in Hurricane Zeta. Funds have been received from the City of Biloxi, Insurance and Zeta funding allocations. Mr. Wilson recommended Award West Biloxi Generator, for repairs.

Mr. Al Gombos made motion to approve Award West Biloxi Generator, seconded by Mayor Andrew "Fofo" Gilich. A vote resulted in the following:

Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	aye
D'Iberville	voted	aye
Long Beach	voted	aye
Harrison County (1)	voted	aye
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed. A copy of the Award West Biloxi Generator is attached hereto as exhibit "D".

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E2b. S14 Resolution – Amend Pickering Contract

Mr. John Wilson explained that the construction portion of S14 project is closed out. The Amendment of Pickering Contract involves the Corp of Engineer permit close out that includes the completed corrective action plan, completed during construction. It was noted that there may be erosion control items in the future.

Mayor George Bass made motion to approve S14 Resolution – Amend Pickering Contract, seconded by Mr. Al Gombos. A vote resulted in the following:

Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	aye
D'Iberville	voted	aye
Long Beach	voted	aye
Harrison County (1)	voted	aye
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed. A copy of the S14 Resolution – Amend Pickering Contract is attached hereto as exhibit "E".

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E2c. Award Clam Hoist

Mr. John Wilson explained that the Clam Hoist project is a rehab project at the South Gulfport Plant. Repairs will aid in the reduction of debris in the channels which will allow for better operation of gates and pumps.

Mayor Billy Hewes made motion to approve Award Clam Hoist, seconded by Mr. Al Gombos. A vote resulted in the following:

Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	aye
D'Iberville	voted	aye
Long Beach	voted	aye
Harrison County (1)	voted	aye
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed. A copy of the Award Clam Hoist is attached hereto as exhibit "F".

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F. Executive Director's Report

Mr. John Wilson explained that the Long Beach Project, Phase II, at the east end, is in final stages. Long Beach Project, Phase I, is under way at the west half of Menge Avenue and lanes may be closed to one lane with traffic control. Road equipment on the road will be a factor that determines lane closures.

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G. Executive Session

There was no need for Executive Session.

Mr. James Simpson noted that discussion on the S-14 litigation continues. There was a delay in progress due to positive cases of COVID. There are depositions scheduled over the next six weeks.

Supervisor Marlin Ladner requested and an update on the "Notice for Dolan Park".

Mr. Simpson explained that he spoke to Mr. John Wilson and attempted to call Mr. Tim Holliman. Mr. Holliman has noted that the notice is a defective tort claims notice. Dolan is a customer of HCUA currently with a neighborhood system. HCUA is a separate entity and there is no action to be taken by HCUA. In the future, it may be required by Harrison County, not HCUA, to install a line. The lagoon does not currently exist, but Dolan previously had a discharge permit for the lagoon.

Supervisor Marlin Ladner requested HCUA to provide an estimate for services in the event Harrison County is required to install a line.

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H. Adjourn – At this time Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Andrew “Fofa” Gilich. A vote resulted in the following:

Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	aye
D’Iberville	voted	aye
Long Beach	voted	aye
Harrison County (1)	voted	aye
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion to adjourn passed.

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