

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
January 19, 2023

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on January 19, 2023, 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 – via Telecom
- Mayor Andrew “Fofo” 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
- Supervisor Connie Rockco, Harrison County (2), Director - via Telecom
- Mr. John Wilson, Executive Director, HCUA
- Ms. Cindy Breaux, Chief Financial Officer, HCUA
- Mr. Alan Lane, Solid Waste Manager, HCUA
- Ms. Sheila Marsh, Office Manager, HCUA
- Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter, Attorneys and Esquire
- Ms. Jaclyn Turner, representing Harrison County (2)

ABSENT:

AUDIENCE:

- Kevin McCumby, H2O Innovation
- Shea Magee, Waste Management
- Bernie Parker, City of Long Beach, Councilman
- Chelsea Payne, The Focus Group
- Tami Blackwell, The Focus Group

Letters of Designations are attached hereto as exhibit “A”.

There being a quorum sufficient to transact business of the Authority, Ms. Jaclyn Turner, representing Harrison County (2), 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

Ms. Jaclyn Turner opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.

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C. Approval of the Claims Docket dated January 19, 2023

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated January 19, 2023, 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 the Claims Docket is attached hereto as exhibit "B".

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D. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated January 5, 2023

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated January 5, 2023, seconded by Mayor Andrew "Fofu" 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 Board Meeting Minutes dated January 5, 2023, is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

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E. Financial Report

Ms. Cindy Breaux explained that the FY23 budget does not have any out of ordinary results noted on the December 2022 Financial Report and Ms. Breaux is available for any questions a Board Member may have. The FY22 Audit has begun.

Mayor George Bass requested clarification on whether or not the new accounting software is being used. Ms. Breaux explained that the General Ledger, Accounts Payable and Purchasing functions are being used and there are other options that will also be used to set up financial reports.

No action required. The Board accepted the Financial Report for December 2022 as presented. A copy of the report is attached hereto as exhibit "D".

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F. Marketing Report

Ms. Tami Blackwell explained that efforts continue by The Focus Group to increase website traffic. The Face Book stats for December 2022 reached over 7,500 residents with 2,300 of the total, reaching residents through the holiday recycling ad. There were 299,500 impressions and 4,265 clicks at a rate of \$.23 cost per click, with the rate per click below the industry average of \$1.72 per click.

No action taken. The Board accepted the Marketing Report as submitted by The Focus Group. A copy of the Marketing Report is attached hereto as exhibit "E".

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G. Action Items

G1. Old Business

None

G2. New Business

G2a. Pelican Waste Contract Approval

Mr. John Wilson explained that legal council is reviewing the Pelican Waste Contact. Mr. Wilson made the request to table the Pelican Waste Contract Approval.

Mr. James Simpson, Council explained that the contract is being reviewed for minor formatting changes only.

Mayor Billy Hewes agreed to vote on Solid Waste Contracts if required by charter although The City of Gulfport is not participating in solid waste contracts.

Mr. Al Gombos made motion to table the Pelican Waste Contract, seconded by Supervisor Marlin Ladner. 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 Pelican Waste Contract Approval is attached hereto as exhibit "F".

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G2b. Waste Management Contract Approval

Mr. John Wilson explained that legal council is reviewing the Waste Management Contract. Mr. Wilson made the request to table the Waste Management Contract Approval.

Mr. James Simpson, Council explained that the contract is being reviewed for minor formatting changes only.

Mr. Al Gombos made motion to table the Waste Management Contract, seconded by Supervisor Marlin Ladner. 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 Waste Management Contract Approval is attached hereto as exhibit "G".

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G2c. Brandon James CTS Relocation – Summary Change Order & Close Out

Mr. Al Gombos made motion to approve Brandon James CTS Relocation – Summary Change Order & Close Out, seconded by Mayor George Bass.

Mr. Al Gombos requested clarification on, whether or not fencing will be placed on site. Mr. John Wilson explained that there will be black vinyl fencing.

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 Brandon James CTS Relocation – Summary Change Order & Close Out is attached hereto as exhibit "H".

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H1. Solid Waste Report

Mr. Alan Lane explained that the recycling participation rate for December was 42.64%.

Mayor George Bass requested clarification on who accepts plastic bags for recycling. Mr. Lane explained that Walmart, Winn Dixie, and Rouses accepts the bags for recycling. Mayor Bass requested that the information on, businesses who accept plastic bags for recycling, be included in the HCUA Marketing Report.

Mr. Al Gombos questioned if there was a program that could be offered to businesses to participate in a business recycling program for recycling items to avoid the recycling items from entering the landfills.

Mr. Shea Magee explained Waste Management does offer a sleigh for cardboard or a divided dumpster for separated recycling for businesses.

No action taken. A copy of the report is attached hereto as exhibit "I".

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H2. Solid Waste Fines

Mr. Alan Lane explained that Waste Management had no incidents and Pelican Waste had (2) incidents resulting in fines for the past quarter. Recommendation to release retainage in the amount of \$25,992.42 to Waste Management and \$7,434.43 to Pelican Waste.

Mr. Al Gombos made motion to approve Solid Waste Fines, 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 and a copy of Solid Waste Fines, is attached hereto as exhibit "J".

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I. Executive Director's Report

Mr. John Wilson explained that member agencies should receive a questionnaire from the auditors soon for the FY22 audit. The Long Beach Project has work required at the Long Beach/Pass Christian Plant and work will involve new piping to the headworks and there is required paving. Pipe abandonment will involve removing pipe from the ground and flushing or grout. Menger final pavement is scheduled for January 23, 2023. HCUA is working in support and assistance with Member Agencies on ARPA projects.

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J. Executive Session

There was no need for Executive Session.

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K. Adjourn – At this time Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to adjourn, 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 to adjourn passed.

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