

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
January 21, 2021

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on January 21, 2021 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 Chipper McDermott, City of Pass Christian, Director
- Mayor Andrew "Fofu" Gilich, City of Biloxi, Director
- Mayor George Bass, City of Long Beach, Director
- Mr. Al Gombos, representing the City of D'Iberville – via Telecom
- Jaclyn Turner, Harrison County, representing Harrison County (1) & (2)
- Mr. John Wilson, Executive Director, HCUA
- Mr. Alan Lane, Solid Waste Coordinator, HCUA
- Ms. Sheila Marsh, Office Manager, HCUA
- Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter, Attorneys and Esquire

**ABSENT:**

- Supervisor Marlin Ladner, Harrison County (1), Director
- Supervisor Connie Rockco, Harrison County (2), Director
- Ms. Cindy Breaux, Chief Financial Officer, HCUA

**AUDIENCE:**

- Brett Pund, The Focus Group

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

There being a quorum sufficient to transact business of the Authority, Mayor Billy Hewes, representing City of Gulfport, 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 Billy Hewes opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.

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**C. Approval of the Claims Docket dated January 21, 2021**

Mayor Chipper McDermott questioned if payment to South Eastern Erectors was for a construction project.

Mr. John Wilson advised payment was for replacing panels in West Biloxi work areas.

Mayor "Fof" Gilich made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated January 21, 2021, seconded by Mayor George Bass. A roll call 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 7, 2021**

Mr. Al Gombos noted that the agenda listed the incorrect date for previous board meeting minutes date, agenda reflected January 8, 2021 as date of meeting. The actual date of meeting was January 7, 2021. The meeting minutes document reflected correct date of January 7, 2021. A correction to agenda page will be made to reflect the correct board meeting date of January 7, 2021 and a copy will be placed in the final Board Meeting Package.

Mayor George Bass made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated January 7, 2021, seconded by Mayor Chipper McDermott. A roll call 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 7, 2021 is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

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**E. Financial Report**

Mr. John Wilson noted the first fiscal year quarter is on track. The Financial Report will be noted as spread on the minutes as having been received.

A copy the Financial Report is attached hereto as exhibit "D".



**F. Marketing Report**

Brett Pund, The Focus Group, presented stats for Face Book page for December 2020. HCUA Face Book page reached over 15,000 residents, a 48% increase from November 2020. 73 new followers were added. The ads had a 2.2 click rate to website and doubled the industry average of .9 and the cost per click of \$ .34 was lower than the average of \$1.72. The Focus Group produced the Quarterly Newsletter that was featured on Face Book and HCUA Web Site. The Quarterly Newsletter was also distributed to local media members.

The Board accepted the Marketing Report as submitted by The Focus Group. A copy of the report is attached hereto as exhibit "E".



**G. Action Items**

**1. Old Business**

None

**2. New Business**

**G2a. Solid Waste – No Fines/Release Retainage**

Mr. John Wilson presented the amounts for approval for retainage returned of \$21,670.89 for Waste Management and \$6,386.31 for Pelican Waste.

Board discussion included commending Waste Management and Pelican Waste for their extra efforts in working and assisting through the communities with storm debris.

Mr. Alan Lane noted that curbside debris such as paper, straw or leaves should be bagged for Pelican Waste pick up moving forward.

Mayor Chipper McDermott made motion to approve Solid Waste – No Fines/Release Retainage, seconded by Mayor George Bass. A roll call 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 was approved. A copy of the Solid Waste – No Fines/Release Retainage request for approval is attached hereto as exhibit "F".

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**H. Solid Waste Report**

Mr. Alan Lane reported the results of the Christmas Cardboard recycling event that was scheduled the Saturday after Christmas. Alan stated that the event takes place every year and began (3) three years ago. The first year (2018), 1,000 pounds of cardboard was collected between (2) two locations and this year (2020), 10,000 pounds of cardboard was collected combined from (5) five locations.

Mr. Lane added that due to ongoing community request for cardboard disposal sites, he is in the process of scheduling a cardboard recycling drop off at least twice a year.

Mayor Billy Hewes offered opportunity for status updates from the member agencies on storm debris disposal.

Mayor Billy Hewes indicated Gulfport has completed second pass of storm debris disposal and is in process of close out for the program.

Mayor Chipper McDermott indicated Pass Christian is in process of completing a punch list.

Mayor "Fofa" Gilich indicated Biloxi completed storm debris disposal last week.

Mayor George Bass indicated Long Beach completed storm debris disposal three weeks ago.

Ms. Jacquelyn Turner, representing Harrison County (1) & (2) advised storm debris disposal completed a final pass yesterday and the unincorporated areas should be completed by end of month.

Mayor George Bass added that Pass Christian used, on social media, a flyer from FEMA that listed the preferred breakdown/separation of storm debris for curbside disposal.

Ms. Jaclyn Turner suggested the FEMA pamphlet be reviewed by member agencies and member agencies prepare a similar flyer for the public for future use.

Alan Lane advised he will contact The Focus Group and prepare a storm debris guideline draft and present the draft to the board for review.

The Board accepted the Solid Waste Report as presented. No action taken.

**I. Executive Director’s Report**

Mr. John Wilson’s report included Long Beach Project/Price Brothers, construction approval for plans on SRF part of funding has been received. The Restore Act part of funding approval should be received soon and then project will advertise for bid.

S14 Project will advertise by next week.



**J. Executive Session**

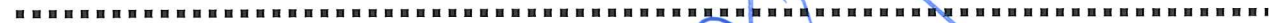
There was no need for Executive Session.

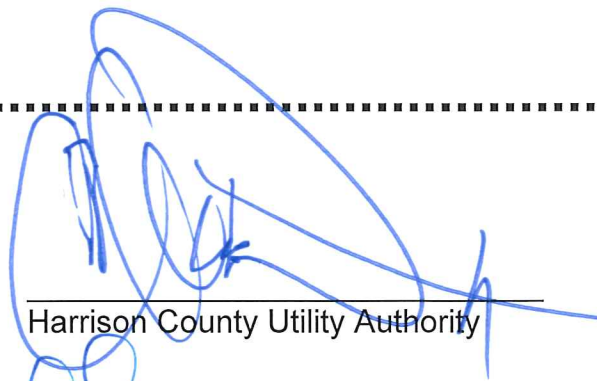



**K. Adjourn** – At this time, Mayor George Bass made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mayor “Fofo” Gilich. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

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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