

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
February 4, 2021

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on February 4, 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  
Supervisor Marlin Ladner, Harrison County (1), Director  
Mr. John Wilson, Executive Director, HCUA  
Ms. Sheila Marsh, Office Manager, HCUA  
Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter, Attorneys and Esquire - via Telecom

**ABSENT:**

Supervisor Connie Rockco, Harrison County (2)

**AUDIENCE:**

Bobby Knesal, H2O  
Derrel Wilson, H2O

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 February 4, 2021**

Mayor Chipper McDermott made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated February 4, 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
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 21, 2021**

Mayor Chipper McDermott made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes 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
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed. A copy of Board Meeting Minutes dated January 21, 2021 is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

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**E. Action Items**

**1. Old Business**

None

**2. New Business**

**E2a. O&M Contract Retainage/Benchmark-Review and Release**

Mr. John Wilson requested approval for H2O Innovations, O&M Contract Retainage/Benchmark - Review and Release.

John responded to Supervisor Ladner's question regarding item #9 and explained two sand filters have already received a complete rehab from top to bottom, but the systems are not going to get twenty years of life, as in the past.

John added two more sand filters will be completed as rehab systems, in 2021 Fiscal Year. HCUA is working with City of Gulfport to assist with the process of applying for SRF Funding eligibility. The funding is to replace sand filters and uv system. John noted the system will cost between seven million to eight million dollars.

Mayor Billy Hewes requested clarification on the request to change definition wording of Benchmark, from "Report Major Equipment Failures" to "Report equipment failures involving safety, process or compliance", and whether or not there is a category. Mr. Wilson explained the request was for one new specific benchmark, to change language to define minor versus major mechanical problems. Mr. Wilson advised he would return at a later date and present changes in the existing and new benchmarks and noted changes of benchmark are working within the scope of the contract.

Mayor Chipper McDermott made motion to approve O&M Contract Retainage/Benchmark-Review and Release, 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
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed. A copy of the O&M Contract Retainage/Benchmark-Review and Release is attached hereto as exhibit "D".

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**E2b. South Gulfport WWTF-Clam Hoist Replacement-Approval for Advertisement**

Mr. John Wilson requested South Gulfport WWTF-Clam Hoist Replacement-Approval for Advertisement.

Mayor "Fofu" Gilich made motion to approve South Gulfport WWTF-Clam Hoist Replacement - Approval for Advertisement, 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
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed. A copy of the South Gulfport WWTF-Clam Hoist Replacement-Approval for Advertisement is attached hereto as exhibit "E".

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**E2c. Authorization for Designation of Applicant Agent for Public Assistance-FEMA**

Mr. John Wilson advised that HCUA had a meeting with FEMA regarding the Hurricane Zeta claim. FEMA requested an updated "Authorization for Designation of Applicant Agent for Public Assistance" form. John recommended Bart Clover as the Designee. John explained, Bart would handle all data and submittals from the beginning of a named storm through the end.

Mayor George Bass made motion to approve Authorization for Designation of Applicant Agent for Public Assistance-FEMA as presented, 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
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed. A copy, of the Authorization for Designation of Applicant Agent for Public Assistance-FEMA, is attached hereto as exhibit "F".

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**F. Executive Director's Report**

Mr. John Wilson noted the Long Beach Project received approval on plans and advertisement from MDEQ. Advertisement will be in about two weeks from date February 8, 2021. The Restore Act and SRF revenue is a type of reimbursement funds. HCUA will be required pay up front and be reimbursed through Payment Applications. John noted that pay outs may require a line of credit.

John added, the bids on S14 Project will be processed on February 25, 2021. The bid includes force main and manhole repairs. Completion of project should be June 2021, weather permitting.

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**G. Executive Session**

There was no need for Executive Session.

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**H. Adjourn** – At this time MR. Al Gombos made a motion to adjourn, 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
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion to adjourn passed.

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