

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
February 18, 2021

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on February 18, 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
Supervisor Connie Rockco, Harrison County (2), Director - via Telecom
Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter, Attorneys and Esquire
Mr. John Wilson, Executive Director, HCUA
Mr. Alan Lane, Solid Waste Coordinator, HCUA
Ms. Sheila Marsh, Office Manager, HCUA

ABSENT:

Ms. Cindy Breaux, Chief Financial Officer, HCUA

AUDIENCE:

Thomas Alexander, Student/Career Day with Al Gombos
Sam Williams, Waste Management
Sophia Parker, Waste Management
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.

Mr. Al Gombos introduced grandson, Thomas Alexander. Thomas was attending the meeting for career day, a shadow to Mr. Gombos.

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C. Approval of the Claims Docket dated February 18, 2021

Mayor Chipper McDermott requested confirmation on Digital and if Digital is for the S14 Project. Mr. John Wilson explained that Digital is not related to S14. Digital is related to GPS/Water Model updates including pressures. The CDBG S14 project is closed.

Mayor "Fofu" Gilich made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated February 18, 2021, seconded by Mayor George Bass. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

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| 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 February 4, 2021

Mayor Chipper McDermott made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated February 4, 2021, seconded by Mayor George Bass. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

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| 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 February 4, 2021 is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

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E. Financial Report

Mr. John Wilson presented information on the January 2021 Financial Report. Elevated numbers were due to repairs from Hurricane Zeta. Member agencies charges for dumpsters

increased due to the need for dumpsters after the hurricane. A breakdown on dumpster charges can be calculated and presented to any member agency upon request.

Mr. Alan Lane explained that there was a keying error that may reflect increase, but the error should have been corrected. Alan added that the dumpster charges should be the same every month and increases are due to adding additional dumpsters, changing smaller dumpsters to larger dumpsters and/or additional hauls requested for emptying dumpsters. Alan will verify whether the keying error was corrected.

Mayor George Bass requested an email listing Long Beach sites of dumpster locations.

John explained Long Beach charges are for dumpsters and the county portion is for public works hauling to the land field and the debris hauling.

Supervisor, Marlin Ladner requested clarification on the Wastewater Treatment Plant/Saucier, Riverbend, Robinwood and interceptor.

John explained there is no type of work justifying the \$10,000 for Wastewater Treatment Plant/Saucier, Riverbend, Robinwood. John stated at the time the report was being prepared there were unanswered specifics to where the \$10,000 would be entered and the expense was coded in error to incorrect system.

Mr. Al Gombos questioned what do the asterisks on page 5 and 6 of the Financial Report - January 2021 mean?

John advised he would review the Financial Report - January 2021 with Cindy Breaux, CFO and return with corrections and specifics.

Mayor Billy Hewes noted a motion was not required but Spread to Minutes for corrected Financial Report-January 2021.

No action required. A copy of the report is attached hereto as exhibit "D".

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F. Marketing Report

Brett Pund, The Focus Group presented stats for Face Book - Across board increases in posts, ads, engagement, and likes in January 2021.

Brett added that Board Meetings stream live on face book.

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

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G. Action Items

1. **Old Business**
2. **New Business**

G2a. Revised Wastewater O&M Benchmarks - Approval

Mr. John Wilson noted at the previous board meeting, approval was received for release of \$179,000 retainage to UP/H2O. Recommendation was requested to change language on Benchmark Section 2.2.3.2 l)6) and 2.2.3.3 c)19) from “Report Major Equipment Failures” to “Report equipment failures involving safety, treatment process or compliance” within 4 hours for all wastewater facilities assigned under this contract. This change will provide greater clarity in benchmark review and assessment, effective January 1, 2021.

John continued to explain the change would only affect the document part of the contract. The fine will not change and the change is for all (3) three categories, as a clarifier. The (3) three components distinguish priority in emergency situations. John added UP/H2O has reviewed and approved the verbiage update.

Mayor Chipper McDermott made motion to ratify Revised Wastewater O&M Benchmarks – Approval, seconded by Mr. Al Gombos. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

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| 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 Revised Wastewater O&M Benchmarks – Approval is attached hereto as exhibit “F”.

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H. Solid Waste Report

Mr. Alan Lane presented status with public recycling participation with an average of 36%. Contractors tonnage collected are in line with prior year numbers and Pelican Waste collections will be increased due to debris collections.

The Board accepted the Solid Waste Report as presented.

No action taken. A copy of the Solid Waste Report is attached hereto as exhibit “G”.

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I. Executive Director’s Report

Mr. John Wilson's report included, S14 Project, bids will be opened February 25, 2021. Long Beach Sewer Project, SRF and Restore Act, approved by MDEQ. Preparation is being made for an advertisement date. Delay in the process is due to employees absent due to COVID.

John closed with information regarding the need for a repair, during Mardi Gras, of a low pressure force main break near Espy/West side. The repair was due to broken valve damaged from a vehicle.

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J. Executive Session

There was no need for Executive Session.

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K. Adjourn – At this time Mayor Chipper McDermott made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mayor George Bass. A roll call vote resulted in the following:

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| 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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