

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
January 5, 2023

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on January 5, 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:

Mr. Jeremy Harrison, representing City of Gulfport  
Mayor Jimmy Rafferty, City of Pass Christian, Director – via Telecom  
Mr. Michael Leonard, representing City of Biloxi  
Mr. Al Gombos, representing the City of D'Iberville  
Supervisor Marlin Ladner, Harrison County (1), Director  
Supervisor Connie Rockco, Harrison County (2), Director  
Mr. John Wilson, Executive Director, HCUA  
Mr. Alan Lane, Solid Waste Manager, HCUA  
Ms. Sheila Marsh, Office Manager, HCUA  
Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter, Attorneys and Esquire

ABSENT:

Mayor George Bass, City of Long Beach, Director

AUDIENCE:

Tommy Thibodeaux, Pelican Waste  
Shea Magee, Waste Management  
Anthony Greir, Pickering Firm  
Kevin McCumby, H2O Innovation  
Chequin White, Pelican Waste  
Jaclyn Turner, HARCO

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

There being a quorum sufficient to transact business of the Authority, Supervisor Connie Rockco, representing Harrison County, 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**

Supervisor Connie Rockco opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.

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**C. Approval of the Claims Docket dated January 5, 2023**

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated January 5, 2023, seconded by Mr. Mike Leonard.

Supervisor Marlin Ladner requested clarification on type of vendor for Allied Universal products.

Mr. John Wilson explained that Allied Universal is a vendor for chlorine chemicals.

A vote resulted in the following:

Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	aye
D'Iberville	voted	aye
Long Beach	absent	
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 15, 2022**

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated December 15, 2022, seconded by Supervisor Marlin Ladner. A vote resulted in the following:

Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	aye
D'Iberville	voted	aye
Long Beach	absent	
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 15, 2022, is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

**E. Action Items**

**1. Old Business**

None

**2. New Business**

**E2a. Long Beach Wastewater System Upgrade – Phase 2 – SP13 CO # 8**

Mr. John Wilson explained that Long Beach Wastewater System Upgrade – Phase 2 – SP13 CO # 8 involves a change in extending time to agree with the substantial completion date, from October 28, 2022, to November 23, 2022, allowing for reimbursement funds from MDEQ. Mr. Al Gombos requested clarification if Mayor George Bass was aware and in agreement with the Change Order # 8 extending the substantial completion date to November 23, 2022. Mr. Wilson responded, "Yes."

Mr. Al Gombos made motion to approve Long Beach Wastewater System Upgrade – Phase 2 – SP13 CO # 8, seconded by Supervisor Marlin Ladner with discussion.

Supervisor Marlin Ladner requested clarification on the asphalt specifications and whether the specifications meet MDOT standards and Supervisor Ladner requested clarification if the paving has started and would the paving be monitored, including in the areas of manhole covers. Mr. Wilson explained that the specifications meet MDOT standards, the paving began Tuesday, there is an inspector on site, and if the paving is not up to standards, there will be a request to redo the paving until standards are met.

A vote resulted in the following:

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

The motion passed. A copy of the Long Beach Wastewater System Upgrade – Phase 2 – SP13 CO # 8 is attached hereto as exhibit "D".

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**F. Executive Director's Report**

Mr. John Wilson updated the Board on the Long Beach Project. The pumping and flow started thru Price Brothers piping to the plant. There is work required at the plant that will involve new piping to the headworks at the plant and there is required paving. Pipe abandonment will involve

removing pipe from the ground and flushing or grout. Mr. Al Gombos requested clarification, on whether, or not, any of Price Brothers piping exist. Mr. Wilson explained that the Price Brothers pipe that exist, will be abandoned. Supervisor Connie Rockco requested clarification on, whether, or not, the paving companies were required to provide formulars or testing. Mr. Wilson responded, "Yes" and explained that paving mix is submitted and loads are verified.

Mr. Wilson explained to the Board that there are concerns involving the Solid Waste Contract. The Solid Waste Contract requires a unanimous vote. The City of Gulfport has opted out of participation of the Solid Waste Contract. Clarification is needed on whether, or not, The City of Gulfport is required to vote on the Solid Waste Contract. The Solid Waste Contract will be presented at the next Board Meeting, for a vote. Mr. Jim Simpson, Counsel, explained that he has contacted the Attorney General's Office and the matter is being reviewed on whether or not The City of Gulfport is required to vote on the Solid Waste Contract. The statute requires a unanimous vote by all Board Members. Mr. Simpson will update the Board Members, once a response is received from the Attorney General's Office.

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**G. Executive Session**

There was no need for Executive Session.

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**H. Adjourn** – At this time Supervisor Marlin Ladner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Al Gombos. A vote resulted in the following:

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

The motion to adjourn passed.

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