

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
October 20, 2022 – Revised

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on October 20, 2022, 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  
Mayor Andrew "Fofa" 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  
Mr. John Wilson, Executive Director, HCUA  
Ms. Cindy Breaux, Chief Financial Officer, HCUA  
Mr. Alan Lane, Solid Waste Coordinator, HCUA  
Ms. Sheila Marsh, Office Manager, HCUA  
Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter, Attorneys and Esquire

**ABSENT:**

Ben Whiteside, The Focus Group

**AUDIENCE:**

Bernie Parker, City of Long Beach, Councilman  
Shea Magee, Waste Management  
Burford Clark, Waste Management  
Kevin McCumby, H2O Innovation  
Jamie Bohanovich, Cypress

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 October 20, 2022**

The agenda package was revised. The HCUA Claims Docket dated October 20, 2022, cover page was updated to include corrections to a vendor's payment.

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the revised Claims Docket dated October 20, 2022, seconded by Mayor George Bass.

Supervisor Marlin Ladner requested clarification on the nature of the correction to a vendor's payment.

Mr. John Wilson explained the correction to the vendor's payment was due to an error in approving work not yet complete. The construction register was revised that resulted in reduction in payment to the contractor.

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 October 6, 2022**

Mayor George Bass made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated October 6, 2022, seconded by Mayor Jimmy Rafferty. 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 October 6, 2022, is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

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**E. Financial Report**

Ms. Cindy Breaux, CFO explained that the Financial Report includes preliminary numbers for the Final FY22 Budget. Ms. Breaux is awaiting confirmation from the accounting auditors to schedule a final audit to close out the FY22 Budget.

Supervisor Marlin Ladner noted that the budget reflects 32% above budget in the repairs category.

Mr. John Wilson explained that the Riverhills location went from an inactive to active in one year and exercising versus running 24/7, makes a difference and the plant was dormant for (8) years prior placing in service. There was an increase due to raising blowers on pedestals due to flood waters. The Financial Report does not reflect FEMA reimbursements due to Zeta and Ida.

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

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**F. Marketing Report**

Mr. John Wilson explained the absence of Ben Whiteside. Mr. Whiteside is attending a conference. Topic of review is HCUA working with The Focus Group on a plan, for later in the year, for the advertisement on the new solid waste contract.

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**

**1. Old Business**

None

**2. New Business**

**G2a. Revised CL2 & S02 Chemical Contract**

Mr. John Wilson explained that the Revised CL2 & S02 Chemical Contract includes a change in the contract from the previous two-year contract with one (1) year extension at HCUA sole discretion to a one-year contract with two (1) year extensions, mutual agreed extensions. Mr. Wilson recommended approval of Revised CL2 & S02 Chemical Contract.

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Revised CL2 & S02 Chemical 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 Revised CL2 & S02 Chemical Contract, is attached hereto as exhibit "F".

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**H. Executive Director's Report**

Mr. John Wilson explained that there was no Executive Director's Report but there were topics for consideration of an Executive Session.

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**I. Executive Session**

Mr. Jim Simpson indicated that there were two items for the board to consider for execution session, one, possible acquisition for property purchase and the other, S14 ligation update.

Mayor George Bass made motion to close the room for Executive Session.

The room was cleared for Executive Session.

Mayor George Bass made a motion to return from Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Al Gombos. 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 return from Executive Session passed.

Mr. James Simpson, Counsel noted there was no action taken in Executive Session.

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**J. 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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