

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
October 7, 2021

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on October 7, 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:

Mr. Wayne Miller, representing City of Gulfport
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
Mr. John Wilson, Executive Director, HCUA
Mr. Alan Lane, Solid Waste Coordinator, HCUA
Ms. Sheila Marsh, Office Manager, HCUA
Mr. Derek Bullock, Engineering Project Manager
Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter, Attorneys and Esquire
Supervisor Connie Rockco, Harrison County (2), Director - via Telecom

ABSENT:

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

AUDIENCE:

Michael Yarbrough, Waste Management
Cara Wagner, Pickering Firm, Inc.
Charles Roberts, Pelican Waste
Shea Magee, Waste Management
Bernie Parker, City of Long Beach, Councilman
Cindy Lamb, Pickering Firm, Inc.
Derrel Wilson, H2O
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 Andrew "Fofa" Gilich, representing City of Biloxi, 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 Andrew "Fofu" Gilich opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.

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C. Approval of the Claims Docket dated October 7, 2021

Mayor George Bass made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated October 7, 2021, 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	absent
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 September 2, 2021

Mayor George Bass made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated September 2, 2021, 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	absent
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed. A copy of Board Meeting Minutes dated September 2, 2021, is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

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E. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated September 16, 2021

Mayor Jimmy Rafferty made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated September 16, 2021, seconded by Mayor Andrew "Fofo" Gilich. A vote resulted in the following:

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

The motion passed. A copy of Board Meeting Minutes dated September 16, 2021, is attached hereto as exhibit "D".



F. Action Items

1. Old Business

None



2. New Business

F2a. Restore LB Wastewater Improvements SP12 & SP13 Construction Phase – Testing Services

Mr. John Wilson requested approval from the Board to amend the Engineering Contract for Testing Services for the Restore LB Wastewater Improvements SP12 & SP13 Construction Phase Project. Mr. Wilson explained that testing is provided by the contractor, but the amendment would cover quality assurance testing services if required.

Mayor George Bass made motion to approve Restore LB Wastewater Improvements SP12 & SP13 Construction Phase – Testing Services, 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	absent
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed. A copy of the Restore LB Wastewater Improvements SP12 & SP13 Construction Phase – Testing Services, is attached hereto as exhibit “E”.

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F2b. Flat Branch/S14 – Close Out & Summary CO

Mr. John Wilson explained that the Flat Branch/S14 Project, is complete and the sewer is active, and sewer is flowing to the North Gulfport Plant and West Wortham Pump Station to River Hills Plant.

There is restoration work and future erosion control that will be required, but most of the restoration work has been completed under the current contract.

Mr. Wilson recommended closing the contract and noted that there was a reduction in the amount of the contract, the savings noted on the Summary Change Order.

Riverbend Utilities is responsible for closing out Riverbend lagoons and HCUA can accept the lagoon pumping.

Riverbend Utilities will be billed wholesale rates by HCUA, and Riverbend Utilities will bill Riverbend residents.

Mayor George Bass made motion to approve Flat Branch/S14 – Close Out & Summary CO, 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	absent
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed. A copy of the Flat Branch/S14 – Close Out & Summary CO is attached hereto as exhibit “F”.

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G. Solid Waste Report

Mr. John Wilson turned the floor over to Mr. Shea Magee with Waste Management.

Mr. Shea Magee explained that Waste Management has secured an agreement with a MRF in Baton Rouge, owned by Republic Services, that has been in business over 15 years. The MRF will serve as a second destination for recycling needs.

Mr. John Wilson explained that options are being reviewed for providing additional debris services for resident debris piles that are out of Pelican Wastes' contract. One solution is an on-call service that would provide for debris piles out of contract, including vacant lots, illegal dumping, and storm debris.

Three proposals have been received. Pelican Waste, H2O and Waste Management have provided proposals. One proposal offers services as a commitment for purchasing debris trucks. The other two proposals offer services based on an hourly rate with services being provided when required.

Mayor Andrew "Fofa" Gilich noted that in the future, agreements should be reviewed carefully. The understanding of services to be provided and the stipulations of agreements is important. Mayor Gilich also noted that in the future, the contract should include out of the ordinary debris pile circumstances and how those circumstances will be addressed. Mayor Gilich suggested contacting Crowder Gulf as an option for seeking information regarding additional debris services.

Supervisor Connie Rockco questioned if the county would be in violation of the debris contract if the county provided over lapping debris services. Supervisor Rockco noted that the county does have grapple trucks.

Mr. John Wilson advised that the county would not be in violation of the debris contract if the county provided any debris removal.

Mr. Al Gombos noted that Pelican Wastes' contract is listed as unlimited disposable services and the public has a perception of the meaning of unlimited services. If the debris contract is the obstacle, Mr. Gombos suggested amending the contract. Mr. Gombos also noted, if the debris is storm related, review guidelines for claiming Force Majeure status.

Mr. James Simpson, Counsel, noted that there are two different situations concerning the debris contract and specific debris piles. One situation is the contract noting unlimited service referring to in contract, debris piles. The second situation is out of contract debris piles, referring to debris piles in front of vacant lots, storm debris and illegal dumping.

Mayor Andrew "Fofa" Gilich" suggested defining specifics in the debris removal contract related to resources for specific periods during the year or specific events that may require a separate approach for debris disposable removal.

There was no more discussion of debris removal.

Supervisor Connie Rockco questioned if there were wastewater capacity issues regarding the area of Traditions/VA Nursing Home Project.

Mr. John Wilson explained the wastewater capacity issues involve the forcemain not the treatment plant. The improvements for the VA Nursing Home Project are currently being researched and any obstacles will be addressed.

No action taken.

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H. Executive Director’s Report

Mr. John Wilson explained that there are county projects that will be presented at the Harrison County Board of Supervisors Meeting, October 11, 2021, involving the Rescue Act Funds. An adjustment may be required to the budget based on the decision of the county projects by the Harrison County Board of Supervisors.

HCUA is researching avenues for Corp of Engineers 2019 Grant Funds Program.

The Phase II Masterplan Project includes a plan based on population growth in the next 25 years and other plans for member agencies in the future. The plan will be presented to the Technical Committee.


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I. Executive Session

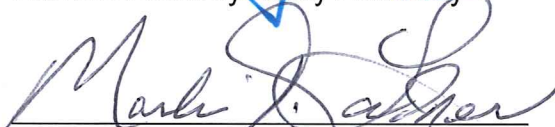
There was no need for Executive Session.

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J. Adjourn – At this time Mayor George Bass made a motion to adjourn, 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	absent
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion to adjourn passed.

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