

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
December 2, 2021

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on December 2, 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  
Supervisor Marlin Ladner, Harrison County (1), Director  
Mr. John Wilson, Executive Director, HCUA  
Ms. Cindy Breau, 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:

Supervisor Connie Rockco, Harrison County (2), Director

AUDIENCE:

Shea Magee, Waste Management  
Bernie Parker, City of Long Beach, Councilman  
Derrel Wilson, H2O

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 "Fofa" Gilich opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.

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**C. Approval of the Claims Docket dated December 2, 2021**

Supervisor Marlin Ladner requested clarification on the construction portion of the Claims Docket.

Mr. John Wilson explained Cypress Environmental Services payment was on the Long Beach Project. JLB Contractors payment for services was related to the Long Beach Project under the minor contract, to provide relocation services of water and sewer lines to provide clearance from the force main.

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated December 2, 2021, 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	absent
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 November 18, 2021**

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated November 18, 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	aye
Harrison County (2)	voted	absent
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed, a copy of Board Meeting Minutes dated November 18, 2021, is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

**E. Action Items**

Mayor Andrew "Fofu" Gilich noted, the added item to the agenda, E2d FEMA – Applicant Agent for Hurricane Ida.

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to amend the agenda, add item E2d FEMA – Applicant Agent for Hurricane Ida, 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	absent
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed to amend agenda, added item E2d FEMA – Applicant Agent for Hurricane Ida.

**E1. Old Business**

None

**E2. New Business**

**E2a. 2022 Calendar – Board Meetings & Technical Committee Meetings**

Mayor George Bass made a motion to approve the 2022 Calendar – Board Meetings & Technical Committee Meetings, 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	absent
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed, a copy of the 2022 Calendar – Board Meetings & Technical Committee Meetings, are attached hereto as exhibit "D".

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**E2b. HCUA - 2022 Holiday Schedule**

Mayor George Bass made a motion to approve the HCUA - 2022 Holiday Schedule, 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	absent
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed, a copy of the HCUA - 2022 Holiday Schedule is attached hereto as exhibit "E".

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**E2c. Biosolids Removal – Approval to Advertise**

Mr. John Wilson requested approval for Biosolids Removal – Approval to Advertise. Biosolids removal involves removing sludge from the treatment plants and every (6) years HCUA is required to advertise Biosolids Removal for bids. The current contract ends June 2022.

Mr. Al Gombos requested clarification on changes, if any, to the Biosolids Removal specifications.

Mr. John Wilson explained that the changes are, capping the CPI adjustment to 2.5%, capping the fuel adjustment to 10% of the current rate of fuel, currently \$3.42 per gallon. There will be a couple more changes prior advertisement. Permission is requested to advertise in January 2022.

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve Biosolids Removal – Approval to Advertise, 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	absent
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed, a copy of the Biosolids Removal – Approval to Advertise is attached hereto as exhibit "F".

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**E2d. FEMA - Applicant Agent for Hurricane Ida**

Mr. John Wilson advised that FEMA requires a FEMA "Authorization for Designation of Applicant Agent for Public Assistance" form. Mr. Wilson recommended Bart Clover as the Designee for FEMA - Applicant Agent for Hurricane Ida. John explained, Mr. Clover was designated as the FEMA – Applicant Agent for Hurricane Zeta and successfully handled the process of the project with FEMA.

Discussion after motion to approve Mr. Bart Clover as FEMA - Applicant Agent for Hurricane Ida, by Mayor George Bass, seconded by Mr. Al Gombos, included Mayor George Bass suggesting designating FEMA Applicant Agent for a four-year term, beginning with current election term.

Mayor George Bass modified the motion to include future request for FEMA Applicant Agent to a four-year term, beginning with current election term, 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	absent
Pass Christian	voted	aye

Mayor George Bass modified the motion to approve Bart Clover as FEMA - Applicant Agent for Hurricane Ida, to include a four-year term as FEMA Applicant Agent, 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	absent
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed, a copy of the FEMA - Applicant Agent for Hurricane Ida, is attached hereto as exhibit "G".

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**F. Executive Director's Report**

Long Beach Project is progressing, Phase I of Improvements, has started and Long Beach Project Phase II is almost complete.

The Technical Committee Meeting, December 8, 2021, will include presenting a facility plan that will include a list of projects that came from the Master Plan Phase II list. The first money source for projects is SRF funding (state loan), the second source will be obtaining grant funding. The Technical Committee will rate the projects and the list will be presented to the Board for adoption.

Mr. Al Gombos requested clarification on funding sources.

Mr. John Wilson explained that the funding will consist of a combination of funding sources.

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**G. Executive Session**


There was no need for Executive Session.

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**H. Adjourn** – At this time Mayor George Bass made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Wayne Miller. 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	absent
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion to adjourn passed.

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