

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
December 7, 2023

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

Mayor Billy Hewes, City of Gulfport, Director  
Mayor Jimmy Rafferty, 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  
Mr. John Wilson, Executive Director, HCUA  
Ms. Cindy Breaux, Chief Financial Officer, HCUA  
Mr. Alan Lane, Solid Waste Manager, HCUA  
Mr. Sam Broom, Engineering Construction Manager, HCUA  
Ms. Sheila Marsh, Office Manager, HCUA  
Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter, Attorneys and Esquire

**ABSENT:**

**AUDIENCE:**

Jaclyn Turner, HARCO  
Shea Magee, Waste Management  
Bernie Parker, City of Long Beach, Councilman  
Kevin McCumby, H2O Innovation  
Makayia Roberts, Pelican Waste

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

There being a quorum sufficient to transact business of the Authority, Mayor James "Jimmy" Rafferty, representing The City of Pass Christian, 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 James "Jimmy" Rafferty opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.

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**C. Approval of the Claims Docket dated December 7, 2023**

Mayor George Bass made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated December 7, 2023, 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	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 November 16, 2023**

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated November 16, 2023, 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	aye
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed. A copy of Board Meeting Minutes dated November 16, 2023, is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

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**E. Action Items**

**E1. Old Business**

**None**

**E2. New Business**

**E2a. December 21, 2023, Board Meeting (No attachment)**

Mr. John Wilson recommended canceling the next HCUA Board Meeting scheduled, December 21, 2023.

Mr. Al Gombos made motion to approve cancellation of the HCUA Board Meeting scheduled for December 21, 2023, 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 passed.

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**E2b. Odor Control Award - Approval**

Mr. John Wilson recommended award of the Odor Control Contract to the only bidder, ChemStation.

Mayor Billy Hewes made motion to approve Odor Control Award, 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 passed. A copy of the Odor Control Award – Approval is attached hereto as exhibit "D".

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**E2c. Sodium Hypochlorite/Sodium Bisulfite Chemical Awards - Approval**

Mr. John Wilson recommended award of the Sodium Hypochlorite/Sodium Bisulfite Chemical Contract to the sole bidder, Hawkins, Inc.

Mr. Al Gombos made motion to approve Sodium Hypochlorite/Sodium Bisulfite Chemical

Awards - Approval, 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 passed. A copy of the Sodium Hypochlorite/Sodium Bisulfite Chemical Awards - Approval is attached hereto as exhibit "E".

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**E2d. Emergency & Minor Construction Contract - (2) Month Extension Approval**

Mr. John Wilson recommended a (2) month extension on the current Emergency & Minor Construction Contract held by JLB Contractors, LLC, due to unforeseen circumstances requiring time allowed to procure a new contract.

Mr. Al Gombos made motion to extend the current Emergency & Minor Construction Contract held by JLB Contractors, for a period of (2) months, 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 passed. A copy of the Emergency & Minor Construction Contract - (2) Month Extension Approval is attached hereto as exhibit "F".

Mr. Jim Simpson, Council arrived.

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**E2e. SRF (2) Loans Deadline**

**E2e1. North Gulfport WWTP – Sand Filter**

Mr. John Wilson explained that HCUA received documents from MDEQ for the North Gulfport WWTP and sand filter project. Mr. Wilson recommended that the wastewater and sand filter item be further discussed at the HCUA Board Meeting, January 4, 2023.

Supervisor Connie Rockco made motion to table North Gulfport WWTP-Sand Filter, 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 passed. A copy of the North Gulfport WWTP-Sand Filter is attached hereto as exhibit "G".

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**E2e2. North – South Watermain Connection**

Mr. John Wilson explained that alternative funding with the developer was discussed and recommended for North – South Watermain Connection associated with the MS State Health Department Loan. The recommendation is for HCUA to deny loan opportunity to avoid any administrative costs.

Mayor George Bass made motion to deny MS State Health Department Loan, 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 the North – South Watermain Connection is attached hereto as exhibit "H".

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**F. Executive Director's Report**

Mr. John Wilson presented Supervisor Connie Rockco with a plaque for retirement from HCUA Board and staff for Supervisor Rockco's support and service to HCUA.

Mr. Al Gombos requested clarification on the status for the location of the wye setting for the S20/Interceptor Line. Mr. Wilson explained valves have been located and currently working on de-watering and will uncover soil at site, this week or next week. Mr. Sam Broom is overseeing project.

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**G. Executive Session**

There was no need for Executive Session.

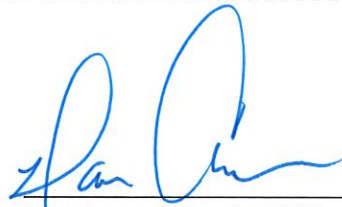
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**H. Adjourn** – At this time Mayor George Bass made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Al Gombos. A vote resulted in the following:

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 adjourn passed.

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