

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
December 16, 2021

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on December 16, 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 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
- Supervisor Connie Rockco, Harrison County (2), Director - via Telecom

ABSENT:

AUDIENCE:

- Ben Whiteside, The Focus Group
- Shea Magee, Waste Management
- Bernie Parker, City of Long Beach, Councilman
- Sam Williams, Waste Management

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 December 16, 2021**

Supervisor Marlin Ladner requested clarification on payment of funds for \$83,696.33 listed to ETEC in the Claims Docket.

Mr. John Wilson explained that (2) parts of the funds listed to ETEC are for replacement parts for UV and Sand Filter Systems at the North Gulfport Plant.

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated December 16, 2021, seconded by Mayor George Bass. A vote resulted in the following:

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| 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 December 2, 2021**

Mayor George Bass made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated December 2, 2021, seconded by Mr. Al Gombos. A vote resulted in the following:

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|---------------------|-------|-----|
| 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 December 2, 2021, is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

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**E. Approval of Technical Committee Meeting Minutes dated December 8, 2021**

No discussion.

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to accept the Technical Committee Meeting Minutes dated December 8, 2021, seconded by Mayor George Bass. A vote resulted in the following:

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|---------------------|-------|-----|
| 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 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes is attached hereto as exhibit "D".

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**F. Financial Report**

Mr. John Wilson explained that the Financial Report is the second Financial Report for the new FY and the budget is on track. In January 2022, the bond payment will be issued. The next Board Meeting will consist of discussion on project bids and award of the projects.

No action required. The Board accepted the Financial Report for November 2021 as presented. A copy of the report is attached hereto as exhibit "E".

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**G. Marketing Report**

Ben Whiteside, The Focus Group presented stats for Face Book. The Face Book ads for November 2021 reached over 24,000 residents, there were 50,000 impressions with 197 clicks to the recycling page, with an average cost of \$1.52 a click. The cost per click is lower than the industry average.

Supervisor Marlin Ladner requested information regarding the types, if any, of negative comments, posted on HCUA Face Book page.

Mr. Alan Lane noted that negative comments usually involve complaints about missed trash pick-up, carts broken or not replaced and complaints on the billing for services.

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 "F".

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**H. Action Items**

**1. Old Business**

NONE

**2. New Business**

NONE

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**I. Solid Waste Report**

During the Marketing Report discussion, Solid Waste topics were as follows:

Mayor Andrew "Fofa" Gilich questioned the average amount of tonnage per month collected from recycling.

Mr. Alan Lane explained, the average rate of recycling per month is 300 - 400 tons and in November 2021, there was a 34% participation rate in recycling which is low, but the rate is normally low during the holidays. HCUA customer recycling participation rate averages 35% - 40% during the year and the average rate for the nation is 25% - 30%. In 2019 HCUA received an award, "Local Government Recycling of the Year Award", by the Mississippi Recycling Coalition.

Supervisor Connie Rockco explained that complaints the county has received, involves the size of the recycling cart, too small.

Mr. John Wilson explained, that with the new Solid Waste contract, a larger recycling cart is being considered. The previous Solid Waste contract involved HCUA purchasing the recycling carts. In the new contract, smaller carts would be exchanged for larger carts, as customers request new carts and as new customers are issued carts. The process would continue until all new recycling carts have been replaced.

Mr. John Wilson added that the State Board for Solid Waste Recycling and the Beautification Commission has invited Mr. Alan Lane to sit as a member on the boards.

Mr. Al Gombos added, commercial recycling, should be, considered.

Mr. John Wilson explained that because of the lead time required for the purchase of solid waste trucks, the next version of Solid Waste RFP will begin soon. The Technical Committee will review technical information involving the Solid Waste RFP.

No action taken. A copy of the report is attached hereto as exhibit "G".

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**J. Executive Director's Report**

Mr. John Wilson explained that the Long Beach Project Phase 2 is at final stages in the project. Grading and grassing work remains along with Final Pavement. Phase 1 has started.

The Facility Plan is being reviewed and documents will be submitted to the MDEQ. After MDEQ approval, funding sources may be sought.

Solid Waste RFP is being prepared.

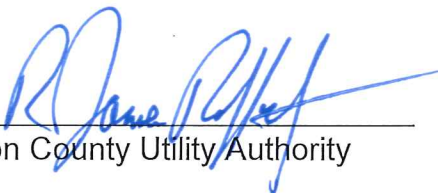
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**K. Executive Session**

There was no need for Executive Session.

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

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| 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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