

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
February 21, 2019

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on February 21, 2019 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 Chipper McDermott, City of Pass Christian, Director  
Mayor George Bass, City of Long Beach, Director  
Mayor Andrew "Fofu" Gilich, City of Biloxi, Director  
Mr. Al Gombos, representing the City of D'Iberville  
Mayor Billy Hewes, City of Gulfport, Director  
Supervisor Connie Rockco, Harrison County (2), Director  
Supervisor Marlin Ladner, Harrison County (1), Director  
Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter Attorneys, Esquire  
Mr. Donald Scharr, Executive Director, HCUA  
Ms. Patra Roberts, Office Manager, HCUA  
Ms. Julie Christian, Chief Financial Officer, HCUA  
Mr. John Wilson, O & M Manager, HCUA  
Mr. Alan Lane, Solid Waste Coordinator, HCUA

**ABSENT:**

**AUDIENCE:**

Ms. Brynn Joachim, The Focus Group  
Mr. Damon Torricelli, Neel-Schaffer  
Mr. Sam Williams, Waste Management  
Mr. Bobby Knesal, Utility Partners  
Mr. Derrel Wilson, Utility Partners

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

There being a quorum sufficient to transact business of the Authority, Mayor Bass 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 Bass opened the floor for public comments. There were no public comments.

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**C. Approval of the Claims Docket dated February 22, 2019**

Mayor Gilich made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated February 22, 2019, seconded by Mr. Gombos. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

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 February 7, 2019**

Mr. Gombos made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated February 7, 2019, seconded by Supervisor Rockco. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

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 meeting minutes is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

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**E. Technical Committee Meeting Minutes dated February 13, 2019**

Mayor Gilich made a motion to spread on the minutes the Technical Committee Meeting Minutes dated February 13, 2019, seconded by Mayor McDermott. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

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 meeting minutes is attached hereto as exhibit "D".

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**F. Financial Report**

Ms. Christian provided the board with a financial report as of January 31, 2018.

Mr. Gombos made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented, seconded by Mayor Gilich. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

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 report is attached hereto as exhibit "E".

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**Old Business**

**G. 1 a – None**

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**Non-Agenda Item**

Mr. Simpson stated that he has been researching ways to provide services to residents in Sutter's certificated area. He recommended the residents go to Sutter and request service. Request that Sutter provide them written notification indicating whether they can serve them. If Sutter cannot provide service, HCUA can offer temporary emergency services until Sutter serves them or the Public Service Commission states otherwise. Mr. Simpson suggested this is the best way to proceed, without ignoring the certificate.

Mr. Gombos made a motion to proceed with the process to serve residents as presented by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mayor Gilich. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

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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**New Business**

**G. 2 a – Approval of Copier Lease – State Contract**

Mayor McDermott made a motion to approve a 3-year lease for copiers with R. J. Young, seconded by Mayor Gilich. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

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 memorandum is attached hereto as exhibit "H".

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**G. 2 b – Monthly Marketing Report – The Focus Group**

Ms. Joachim, of The Focus Group, provided a report of their marketing activities for the past 30 days.

No action required. A copy of the report is attached hereto as exhibit "I".

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**G. 2 c – Waste Management Request – Saturday Closure of Firetower Landfill**

Supervisor Ladner made a motion to approve the Request to Close the Firetower Rubbish Landfill on Saturdays, seconded by Mr. Gombos. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

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 request is attached hereto as exhibit "J".

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**G. 2 d – Release of O & M Retainage – CY-2018**

Mr. Gombos made a motion to approve the Full Release of Retainage withheld for CY-2018 in the amount of \$131,754.31 to Utility Partners, seconded by Supervisor Ladner. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

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 memorandum is attached hereto as exhibit "K".

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**H. Solid Waste Report**

Mr. Alan Lane provided a monthly report of solid waste operations for January 2019. He advised the recycling tonnage was up from previous year over year numbers.

A copy of the solid waste report is attached hereto as exhibit "M".

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**I. Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Scharr advised that the Public Services Commissioner, Mr. Sam Britton, will be at the next board meeting on March 7, 2019.

He stated the interviews for the Environmental Engineering Services award are scheduled for next Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 10:00 AM.

The application for the Price Brothers Project is submitted with the U.S. Treasury.

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**J. Executive Session**

There was no need for an Executive Session.

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**K. Adjourn** - At this time Mr. Gombos made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mayor McDermott. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

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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