

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
May 4, 2023

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on May 4, 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:

Mr. Jeremy Harrison, representing the City of Gulfport
Mayor Jimmy Rafferty, City of Pass Christian, Director
Mayor Andrew "Fofa" Gilich, City of Biloxi, Director
Bernie Parker, representing City of Long Beach
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 Breau, Chief Financial Officer, HCUA
Mr. Alan Lane, Solid Waste Manager, HCUA
Ms. Sheila Marsh, Office Manager, HCUA
Ms. Valerie Cuevas, Administrative Assistant, HCUA
Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter, Attorneys and Esquire

ABSENT:

AUDIENCE:

Shea Magee, Waste Management
Doug Wimberly, Neel-Schaffer
Kevin McCumby, H2O Innovation
Jamie Bahonavich, Cypress
Jonathan Bourriague, Pentecostal of the Gulf Coast
Damon Torricelli, Neel-Schaffer
Cindy Lamb, Pickering Firm, Inc.

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

There being a quorum sufficient to transact business of the Authority, Supervisor Connie Rockco, representing Harrison County, 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

Supervisor Connie Rockco opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.

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C. Approval of the Claims Docket dated May 4, 2023

Mayor Andrew "Fofu" Gilich made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated May 4, 2023, 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 Claims Docket is attached hereto as exhibit "B".

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D. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated April 20, 2023

Mayor Andrew "Fofu" Gilich made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated April 20, 2023, 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	recused
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed. A copy of Board Meeting Minutes dated April 20, 2023, is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

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E. Action Items

E1. Old Business

E1a. South Gulfport Wastewater Treatment Facility – Clam Bucket Final Pay App & Close Out

Mr. John Wilson explained that South Gulfport Wastewater Treatment Facility – Clam Bucket Final Pay App & Close Out was discussed at the April 20, 2023 Board Meeting. The vote was not voice detected on the recording of the minutes. As a formality, a vote is required.

Mayor Andrew “Fofu” Gilich made motion to approve South Gulfport Wastewater Treatment Facility – Clam Bucket Final Pay App & Close Out, 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 South Gulfport Wastewater Treatment Facility – Clam Bucket Final Pay App & Close Out is attached hereto as exhibit “D”.

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E2. New Business

E2a. North Gulfport Sand Filters – SRF Application - Approval

Mr. John Wilson explained North Gulfport Sand Filters – SRF Application – Approval is part of the Facility Plan. The Resolution is for permission and approval for Mr. Wilson to apply for SRF funding. Gulfport received ARPA and match funding. HCUA will be meeting with Gulfport to discuss how to use funding for project.

Mayor Andrew “Fofu” Gilich made motion to approve North Gulfport Sand Filters – SRF Application – Approval, seconded by Mayor Jimmy Rafferty. Mr. James Simpson, Counsel requested if by unanimous consent of Board, use roll call from E2d. Unanimous consent received. A roll call resulted in the following:

Biloxi	voted	aye
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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 Sand Filters – SRF Application - Approval is attached hereto as exhibit "E".

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E2b. Long Beach Wastewater Phase I Change Order #4 - Approval

Mr. John Wilson explained that Long Beach Wastewater Phase I Change Order #4 – Approval involves time and items completed for the project. ARV valves were not functioning correctly and will be replaced. The close out change order summary and final close out will be presented at the next Board Meeting.

Mr. Bernie Parker made motion to approve Long Beach Wastewater Phase I Change Order #4 – Approval, 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 Long Beach Wastewater Phase I Change Order #4 - Approval is attached hereto as exhibit "F".

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E2c. Engineer Task Order #3 – 2022 Facility Plan – Neel Schaffer - Approval

Mr. John Wilson explained that the Engineer Task Order #3 – 2022 Facility Plan – Neel Schaffer – Approval is request for approval to submit the application for the loan.

Mayor Jimmy Rafferty made motion to approve Engineer Task Order #3 – 2022 Facility Plan – Neel Schaffer - Approval, seconded by Mayor Andrew "Fofu" 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 Engineer Task Order #3 – 2022 Facility Plan – Neel Schaffer – Approval is attached hereto as exhibit “G”.

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E2d. Lorraine Road Water Main – SRF Application - Approval – SRF Application - Approval

Mr. John Wilson explained that the Lorraine Road Water Main – SRF Application - Approval is a water project through the Mississippi Department of Health and originally the project was requested by The City of Biloxi. Request for approval is for HCUA to submit the application for the loan. HCUA will include Lorraine Road Water Main in the HCUA FY24 Budget if The City of Biloxi is interested. Supervisor Marlin Ladner requested clarification, on whether, or not water lines were previously installed on Shorecrest in Biloxi. Mr. Wilson explained the water lines would connect Shorecrest at the wastewater treatment plant and water lines would continue up Lorraine Road, connect at John Lee and water lines would continue to the Woolmarket School and HCUA system. The Lorraine Road Water Main would extend the system and extend service to new users.

Mayor Andrew “Fofu” Gilich made motion to approve Lorraine Road Water Main – SRF Application – Approval, seconded by Mr. Al Gombos. A roll call 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 Lorraine Road Water Main – SRF Application - Approval is attached hereto as exhibit “H”.

Mr. James Simpson, Counsel requested if by unanimous consent of Board, use roll call from E2d also for E2a. Unanimous consent was received.

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E2e. North and South Water Main – SRF Application - Approval

Mr. John Wilson explained that the North and South Water Main involves water mains from Old Hwy 49 to West Wortham continuing up Hwy 49 to HCUA North System.

Mayor Andrew "Fofa" Gilich made motion to approve North and South Water Main – SRF Application – Approval, seconded for discussion by Mayor Jimmy Rafferty.

Mr. John Wilson explained that the extension would allow service on Old Hwy 49, including up to 1,000 future lots. The request is for approval for HCUA to submit the SRF application for the loan. A roll call 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 and South Water Main – SRF Application - Approval is attached hereto as exhibit "I".

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E2f. New Waste Tire Grant

Mr. John Wilson explained there was need to amend the agenda by adding item E2f. New Waste Tire Grant. Mr. Al Gombos made motion to amend the agenda, adding Item E2f. New Waste Tire Grant, 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

Discussion. Mr. John Wilson explained approval is to apply for grant that is a renewal in the amount of \$51,500.00.

Mr. Al Gombos made motion to approve New Waste Tire Grant, seconded by Mayor Andrew "Fofa" 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 New Waste Tire Grant is attached hereto as exhibit "J".

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F. Executive Director's Report

Mr. John Wilson explained HCUA will be reaching out to Board Members regarding projects to include in the FY24 Budget.

Supervisor Marlin Ladner requested an update on raising the pipe on the Melena Bayou Bridge. Mr. Wilson explained that the quote has been received and the quote amount is \$40,000.00.

Mr. James Simpson, Counsel explained that the Attorney General's Office has responded to the inquiry on solid waste contracts and whether, or not a unanimous vote is required from all Board Members regardless, if a member agency is not participating, in the said solid waste contract. It has been confirmed that the Statute requires all Board Members to vote on a decision unanimously.

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G. Executive Session

Mr. Jim Simpson indicated that there was a personnel matter to discuss in Executive Session.

Mayor Andrew "Fofu" Gilich made motion to move into Executive Session, seconded by Supervisor Marlin Ladner. 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 move to Executive Session passed.

Supervisor Marlin Ladner made motion to return from Executive Session, seconded by Mayor Andrew "Fofu" 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 to return from Executive Session passed.

Mr. James Simpson, Counsel explained that no action taken in Executive Session.

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H. Adjourn – At this time Supervisor Marlin Ladner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Connie Rockco. 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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