

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
May 5, 2022

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on May 5, 2022, 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
Jaclyn Turner, representing Harrison County (2)
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
Lisa Verhovshek, Wise Carter, Attorneys and Esquire
Supervisor Connie Rockco, Harrison County (2), Director - via Telecom

ABSENT:

Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter, Attorneys and Esquire

AUDIENCE:

Charles Roberts, Pelican Waste
Shea Magee, Waste Management
Cindy Lamb, Pickering Firm, Inc.
Brittany Thomas, Gulfport Resident

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 "Fofo" Gilich opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.

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C. Approval of the Claims Docket dated May 5, 2022

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated May 5, 2022, 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 Claims Docket is attached hereto as exhibit "B".

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D. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated April 21, 2022

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated April 21, 2022, 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 Board Meeting Minutes dated April 21, 2022, is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

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E. Action Items

1. Old Business

None

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Mayor Andrew "Fofu" Gilich noted the need to add an Agenda item, S10 Sewer System – 16" Forcemain Break.

Mr. John Wilson confirmed that the agenda required an amendment to add item E2c. S10 Sewer System – 16" Forcemain Break.

Mr. Al Gombos made motion to amend Agenda, add item E2c. S10 Sewer System – 16" Forcemain Break, 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 to amend agenda, added item E2c, S10 Sewer System – 16" Forcemain Break.

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2. New Business

E2a. House Count Discussion

Mr. John Wilson explained that Mr. Alan Lane will be contacting member agencies to verify solid waste house counts for each member's agency. The house count totals will be provided at a future Board Meeting, including a request for approval on the house count for the next FY Budget.

Mr. Alan Lane requested clarification from Supervisor Marlin Ladner on whether Harrison County preferred a manual house count or a RFID chip (HCUA brown carts assigned to addresses).

Supervisor Marlin Ladner noted that the RFID chip count for the house count would be acceptable.

Mayor Andrew "Fofu" Gilich requested that the City of Biloxi receive a list of Biloxi's RFID chip (HCUA brown carts assigned to addresses) list.

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E2b. MCWI ARPA – HCUA Projects

Mr. John Wilson explained ARPA, in the latest Legislation Secession, passed Appropriations Bill for 450 million in matching funds for projects, at State level. MDEQ was noted as the monitoring agency for the funds. Legislator did not provide utility authorities direct access to ARPA funding, access to funding is only through partnership with a city or county. Any member agency that is interested in a partnership with HCUA for ARPA funds should notify Mr. Wilson. Mr. Wilson included a suggested project list in the agenda package. Mr. Wilson noted that the funding requirement is that the funds be spent within (3) three years.

Mayor Jimmy Rafferty and Mayor George Bass received verbal information that indicated there may be more favorability if cities partner with counties and there is a limited time on submitting applications.

Supervisor Connie Rockco recommended a workshop that would include a diagram that provides information regarding projects, partnerships, and funding to determine best decision of partnerships and funding that allow the best results for all member agencies.

Supervisor Marlin Ladner recommended that all member agencies evaluate their agencies' projects. Supervisor Ladner requested clarification from Mr. Wilson whether HCUA staff had the ability to handle the work required for the projects. Supervisor Ladner noted that Ms. Jaclyn Turner could assist HCUA for Harrison County.

Mayor George Bass noted that HCUA should have assistance available from each city.

Mr. John Wilson noted that discussion information will be provided at a future Board Meeting.

No action taken. A copy of the MCWI ARPA – HCUA Projects is attached hereto as exhibit "D".

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E2c. S10 Sewer System – 16” Forcemain Break

Mr. John Wilson requested approval from the Board for HCUA for a declaration of emergency for S10 Sewer System – 16” Forcemain Break, due to a boring company damaging a sewer forcemain on Old Hwy 49, Saucier. The forcemain is repaired.

Mayor George Bass made a motion to approve with discussion, seconded by Mayor Andrew “Fofa” Gilich. Mayor Bass requested clarification if repairs were made inhouse and would HCUA seek reimbursement for the damages.

Mr. Wilson responded to Mayor Bass, “yes”.

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 S10 Sewer System – 16” Forcemain Break Emergency Declaration is attached hereto as exhibit “E”.

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F. Executive Director’s Report

None

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G. Executive Session


Counsel not present at meeting.

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H. Adjourn – At this time Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Andrew “Fofu” Gilich. A vote resulted in the following:

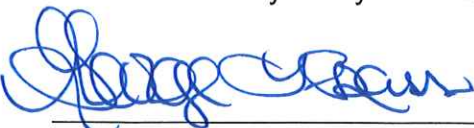
Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	aye
D'Iberville	voted	aye
Long Beach	voted	aye
Harrison County (1)	voted	aye
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion to adjourn passed.

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