

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
June 15, 2023

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on June 15, 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. Wayne Miller, representing City of Gulfport  
Mayor Jimmy Rafferty, City of Pass Christian, Director  
Mayor Andrew "Fofu" Gilich, City of Biloxi, Director  
Mr. Bernie Parker, representing City of Long Beach  
Mr. Al Gombos, representing the City of D'Iberville  
Supervisor Marlin Ladner, Harrison County (1), Director  
Ms. Jaclyn Turner, representing Harrison County (2)  
Mr. John Wilson, Executive Director, HCUA  
Ms. Cindy Breaux, Chief Financial Officer, HCUA  
Mr. Alan Lane, Solid Waste Manager, HCUA  
Ms. Sheila Marsh, Office Manager, HCUA  
Ms. Marie Ostrander, Financial Assistant, HCUA  
Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter, Attorneys and Esquire

ABSENT:

AUDIENCE:

Derrel Wilson, H2O  
Shea Magee, Waste Management  
Greg Cullom, HUB International  
Sharon Dimitry, Lamey/Neel-Schaffer  
Cindy Lamb, Pickering Firm  
Chelsea Payne, The Focus Group  
Tami Blackwell, The Focus Group  
Beau Trinity, Hurricane Group  
Meade Tyler, Regions Bank  
Ben Benvenuti, Covington

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

There being a quorum sufficient to transact business of the Authority, Ms. Jaclyn Turner, representing Harrison County (2), called the meeting to order. The following proceedings were had and done.



**A. Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**



**B. Public Hearing for Solid Waste/Hurricane Creek Landfill and Lamey Brother’s Landfill Expansion Public Comments**

Ms. Jaclyn Turner called the Solid Waste/Hurricane Creek Landfill and Lamey Brother’s Landfill Expansion Public Hearing to order. Mr. John Wilson explained that the public hearing was for the opportunity of public comments or questions regarding the request to allow Hurricane Creek Landfill and Lamey Brother’s Landfill expansions. Mr. Wilson added that both landfills are permitted, and the Lamey Brother’s Landfill is active, the Hurricane Creek Landfill is inactive. A final permit is required through MDEQ to expand the landfills. Once expansion of the landfills, are approved by the Board, the HCUA Solid Waste Plan will be revised to include Lamey Brother’s Landfill and Hurricane Creek Landfill contracts with the HCUA solid waste collection contracts. Mr. John Wilson explained that no action is required for the public hearing. There have been no inquires since the notice was advertised. Ms. Sharon Dimitry with Neel Shaffer, representing Lamey Brothers Landfill explained there is an existing Class II rubbish pit (35 acres) to east, an existing dirt pit (25 acres) to the west that would become the expansion of the Class II rubbish pit. Beau Trinity, Hurricane Group addressed board and noted he was representing Hurricane Creek Landfill.

Ms. Jaclyn Turner closed the public hearing.

A copy of the Public Hearing for Solid Waste/Hurricane Creek Landfill and Lamey Brother’s Landfill Expansion notice is attached hereto as exhibit “B”.



**C. Public Comments**

Ms. Jaclyn Turner, representing Harrison County (2), opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.



**D. Approval of the Claims Docket dated June 15, 2023**

Mayor Andrew “Fofu” Gilich made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated June 15, 2023, seconded by Mr. Wayne Miller. 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 "C".

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**E. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated June 1, 2023**

Mayor Andrew "Fofo" Gilich made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated June 1, 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	aye
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed. A copy of Board Meeting Minutes dated June 1, 2023, is attached hereto as exhibit "D".

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**F. Financial Report**

Ms. Cindy Breaux explained that the budget expenditures are reviewed by John Wilson, David Perkins, and Ms. Breaux and there are no concerns noted to date. Ms. Breaux is available for any questions a Board Member may have. Preparing the FY24 Budget continues.

No discussion.

No action required. The Board accepted the Financial Report for May 2023 as presented. A copy of the report is attached hereto as exhibit "E".

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**G. Marketing Report**

Ms. Chelsea Payne, The Focus Group, explained that The Focus Group continues to increase traffic to the HCUA website in efforts to increase recycling participation from the public. In the month of May 2023 there were 2600 new users to the website, a 38% increase, organic Facebook post increased between 50% - 90%, the top organic post was the recognition of Mr. Willie. The standard industry average cost per click rate is \$1.72 and HCUA's click rate is \$.22 per click. There were no negative comments from the public.

Mr. Al Gombos requested clarification on the types of services provided by The Focus Group. Ms. Payne explained that The Focus Group replies to public comments, provides social media postings, including creating graphics, submit ads, and provides paid digital advertising.

Mr. Gombos suggested HCUA purchasing a daily newspaper to review any HCUA related articles and suggested The Focus Group assist with public relations, educating the public and news media regarding any future news articles reflecting on the HCUA.

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**

**H1. Old Business**

None

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**H2. New Business**

**H2a. Property Insurance – HUB International**

Mr. John Wilson explained that Mr. Greg Cullom discussed insurance premiums at the previous board meeting and Mr. Wilson recommends approving the insurance coverage at a premium cost of \$511,000 with a named wind storm coverage limit of \$5,000,000.

Mr. Al Gombos made motion to approve recommended Property Insurance – HUB International, 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 passed. A copy of the Property Insurance – HUB International is attached hereto as exhibit "G".

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**H2b. Approval to Advertise – Johnson Road P/S Generator**

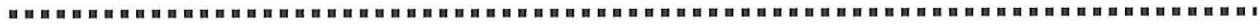
Mr. John Wilson withdrew item Approval to Advertise – Johnson Road P/S Generator from Agenda and noted there will be further discussion with The City of Long Beach and the item will be brought back to the Board.



**I. Solid Waste Report**

Mr. Alan Lane explained that the recycling participation rate is at 43.09%, an increase from the previous month’s participation rate and during the FY23, participation rate has been at a rate of at least 40%.

No action taken. A copy of the Solid Waste Report is attached hereto as exhibit “I”.



**J. Executive Director’s Report**

Mr. John Wilson explained that Board seats will rotate at the next Board Meeting and the first draft of the FY24 Budget will be presented. The Revised Solid Waste Plan will be discussed at the next several Board Meetings.



**K. Executive Session**

There was no need for Executive Session.

Mr. James Simpson, Counsel explained that he wanted the Board to be aware that HCUA has received a tort claim notice from an attorney’s office. A motorcycle driver collided with a Polymer tote on the interstate in Jackson County. There was a total of three Polymer totes found and the totes were traced back to a HCUA Wastewater Treatment Plant. HCUA has no business in Jackson County and the totes were taken without permission. The claim has been turned over to the insurance company.

Supervisor Marlin Ladner requested clarification on the method for disposing of the totes.

Mr. Wilson explained sometimes the 250 gallon totes are repurposed for storage containers and sometimes the totes are out for the trash pickup.

Mr. Al Gombos suggested following up on the disposal process of the Polymer totes.



**L. Adjourn** – At this time Supervisor Marlin Ladner 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.



Paul D. ...  
Harrison County Utility Authority

Connie Rockco  
Harrison County Utility Authority