

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
July 7, 2022

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on July 7, 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:

Mayor Billy Hewes, City of Gulfport, Director
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
Supervisor Connie Rockco, Harrison County (2), Director
Mr. John Wilson, Executive Director, HCUA
Mr. Alan Lane, Solid Waste Coordinator, HCUA
Ms. Sheila Marsh, Office Manager, HCUA
Mr. David Perkins, O&M Manager, HCUA
Mr. Derek Bullock, Engineering Project Manager, HCUA
Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter, Attorneys and Esquire

ABSENT:

AUDIENCE:

Derrel Wilson, H2O
Kevin McCumby, H2O Innovation
Shea Magee, Waste Management
Lindsay Tucker, Garver
Kreg Overstreet, Garver
Brittany Thomas, City of Gulfport
David Ball, Overstreet & Associates
Damon Torricelli, Neel-Schaffer
David Wimberly, Neel Schaffer

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 July 7, 2022

Mayor Andrew "Fofu" Gilich made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated July 7, 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 June 24, 2022

Mayor George Bass made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated June 24, 2022, 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 Board Meeting Minutes dated June 24, 2022, is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

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E. Action Items

1. Old Business

E1a. SW RFP – Approval for Advertise

Mr. John Wilson explained that SW RFP – Approval for Advertise is a tabled item from the 6-2-2022 Board Meeting.

No action taken. SW RFP – Approval for Advertise will carry over as tabled item. A copy of the SW RFP – Approval for Advertise is attached hereto as exhibit “D”.

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E1b. Water & Sewer Policy Effective 10/01/2022 - Approval

Mr. John Wilson explained that Water & Sewer Policy Effective 10/01/2022 - Approval is a tabled item from the 2022 Board Meeting.

No action taken. Water & Sewer Policy Effective 10/01/2022 – Approval will carry over as tabled item. A copy of the Water & Sewer Policy Effective 10/01/2022 - Approval is attached hereto as exhibit “E”.

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E.2 New Business

E2a. Long Beach Wastewater Phase I (SP12) Change Order # 2

Mayor George Bass made motion to approve Long Beach Wastewater Phase I (SP12) Change Order # 2, seconded by Mr. Al Gombos.

Mr. John Wilson explained that Long Beach Wastewater Phase I (SP12) Change Order # 2 involves relocating pipe from Espy/Demourelle to Derrick and connect at Menge Avenue. The Change Order #2 includes increases and decreases due to change in the scope of work. The Board approved Long Beach WW Upgrade Ph 1 & 2 – Approval Increase SRF Loans at the June 16, 2022, Board Meeting.

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 (SP12) Change Order # 2, is attached hereto as exhibit "F".

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E2b. CL2/SO2 Contract – Approval to Advertise for Bid

Mayor George Bass made motion to approve CL2/SO2 Contract – Approval to Advertise for Bid, seconded by Mr. Al Gombos.

Mr. John Wilson requested Board approval for CL2/SO2 Contract – Approval to Advertise for Bid. The latest three-year contract to provide Gaseous Chlorine and Sulfur Dioxide will expire October 2022. HCUA anticipates an increase in the cost for chemicals and the budget has been adjusted to accommodate for anticipation of increase for the chemicals.

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 CL2/SO2 Contract – Approval to Advertise for Bid is attached hereto as exhibit "G".

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E2c. FY23 Budget - Personnel

Mr. John Wilson requested approval for salary increases that would finalize the salary portion of the FY23 Budget. The request for salary increases include a 3% increase for (8) eight HCUA staff members and other increases for specific HCUA staff members. If the Board Members desire to discuss specific staff member increases, discussion should be in executive session. Mr. Wilson noted that HCUA entered FY22 with a salary total of \$939,735. The FY23 request for salary increases totals \$928,332.91 for FY23 if increases were approved. There was no executive session for discussion of salary increases.

Mr. Al Gombos made motion to approve FY23 Budget – Personnel, seconded by Mayor

George Bass. Supervisor Marlin Ladner requested clarification whether or not the proposed increase in salaries FY23 (decrease from FY22 salaries) would reflect an overall total FY23 Budget decrease.

Mr. John Wilson explained that the total FY23 Budget would have a slight increase if proposed salary increases were approved. The increase in total FY23 Budget would be due to increase in contractual changes due to plant management changes as a result of decrease in HCUA staff.

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 FY23 Budget – Personnel is attached hereto as exhibit “H”.

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E2d. FY22 Facility Plan – Ranking Forms

Mr. John Wilson recommended approval for the FY22 Facility Plan – Ranking Forms. Submission to the State is for SRF Funding approval.

Mr. Al Gombos made motion to approve FY22 Facility Plan – Ranking Forms, seconded by Mayor George Bass.

Mayor Jimmy Rafferty requested clarification on the ranking for Espy Avenue Elevated Storage Tank.

Mr. John Wilson explained that the FY22 Facility Plan – Ranking Forms is a short list and the list is ranked by importance. The short list ranking is for submission to the State for FY23 State SRF Budget purposes. Next year the rest of HCUA projects will be addressed.

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

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 II (SP13) Change Order # 4, is attached hereto as exhibit "K".

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F. Solid Waste Report

Mr. Alan Lane explained that May 2022 Garbage, Yard Waste, and Recycle Tonnage was in line for the time of the year and participation rate of 30% was a little lower than normal.

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

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G. Executive Director's Report

Mr. John Wilson explained the 1st draft of the FY23 Budget was provided previously to Board Members. Member agencies have not been contacted to schedule budget meetings due to HCUA's CFO's schedule. Member agencies will be contacted soon to schedule budget meetings.

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H. Executive Session

Mr. Jim Simpson explained that most depositions for the S14 ligation have been conducted with two depositions set for July 2022. Mediation is set for August 2022.

Board Members conversed and addressed Mr. James Simpson, on what options, if any, does HCUA have to protect HCUA from awarding contracts to contractors who have provided HCUA or it's member agencies subpar work and/or is it appropriate to adopt a policy indicating if there is a conflict or a ligation matter with a contractor, then the contractor is prohibited from bidding for a set period of time (three to five years).

Mr. James Simpson explained that HCUA may be able to adopt a policy indicating the option of not awarding to a contractor if in ligation with the contractor. Mr. Simpson noted that currently HCUA is bound by lowest and best bid.

Mr. Derek Bullock addressed the Board and explained a note that was included in HCUA bid documents, language if contractor is in ligation or liquidated damages with HCUA or HCUA's members could deemed contractor ineligible for award of a project.

There was no need for Executive Session.

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I. **Adjourn** – At this time Mayor George Bass made a motion to adjourn, 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 to adjourn passed.

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