

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
July 1, 2021

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on July 1, 2021 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 the City of Gulfport
Mayor James "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. Cindy Breaux, Chief Financial Officer, HCUA
Ms. Sheila Marsh, Office Manager, HCUA
James Simpson, Wise Carter, Attorneys and Esquire

ABSENT:

AUDIENCE:

Charles Roberts, Pelican Waste
Bernie Parker, City of Long Beach, Councilman
Michael W. Jones, Oak Utilities
Derrel Wilson, H2O

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

There being a quorum sufficient to transact business of the Authority, Mr. Wayne Miller, representing the City of Gulfport, 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

Mr. Wayne Miller opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.

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C. Election of Officers

The new officers for the July 2021 – June 2022 Session are as follows:

- 1. City of Biloxi’s Director will be the Authority’s President, Mayor Andrew “Fofa” Gilich.
- 2. Harrison County’s Director 2 will be the Authority’s Vice-President, Supervisor Connie Rockco.
- 3. City of Pass Christian’s Director will be the Authority’s Secretary, Mayor Jimmy Rafferty

Mayor George Bass made a motion to approve the Election of Officers as presented, seconded by Mr. Al Gombos. A roll call 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 Election of Officers is attached hereto as exhibit “B”.

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Mayor Andrew “Fofa” Gilich took his seat as President and lead the Board Meeting.

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D. Approval of the Claims Docket dated July 1, 2021

Mayor George Bass made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated July 1, 2021, seconded by Mr. Al Gombos. A roll call 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 17, 2021

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated June 17, 2021, seconded by Supervisor Connie Rockco. A roll call 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 17, 2021 is attached hereto as exhibit "D".

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F. Action Items

1. Old Business

None

2. New Business

Mr. John Wilson requested approval to add, as Item F2g, to the Agenda, HCUA Governing Body Resolution from Hancock Whitney Bank.

Mayor George Bass made a motion to approve the amendment to the agenda, adding Item F2g, HCUA Governing Body Resolution from Hancock Whitney Bank, seconded by Mr. Al Gombos. A roll call 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

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F2b. Declaration Emergency – 16” Watermain – Hwy 67 & Shriners

John Wilson explained Declaration Emergency 16” Watermain – Hwy 67 & Shriners. Tuesday, June 22, 2021, the 16” watermain required repairs immediately. The lines supply water to D’Iberville at the Big John tank and cts, and the mobile home park on Lamey Bridge Road. Protocol was followed for lift for boil water notice.

Mr. Al Gombos requested an explanation on reason for the watermain break.

Mr. John Wilson explained it is believed that lightning hit a tree that was next to the watermain line and it rippled down the pipe and split the line.

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to declare an Declaration Emergency – 16” Watermain – Hwy 67 & Shriners, seconded by Mayor George Bass. A roll call 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 Declaration Emergency – 16” Watermain – Hwy 67 & Shriners is attached hereto as exhibit “F”.

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F2c. FY22 Water Allocation

Mayor George Bass made a motion to approve FY22 Water Allocation, seconded by Supervisor Marlin Ladner for discussion.

Supervisor Marlin Ladner questioned explanation of why the county’s water allocation, decreased, if consumption of water has increased.

Mayor George Bass questioned the flow numbers listed for Industrial Park, Espy Avenue and Johnson Road, Long Beach and asked if the numbers were considered high.

Mr. John Wilson explained that the numbers are between actual flow and theoretical flows. Mr. Wilson requested approval, for the proposed FY22 Water Allocation.

Mayor George Bass made motion to approve FY22 Water Allocation, seconded by Supervisor Marlin Ladner. A roll call 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 FY22 Water Allocation is attached hereto as exhibit "G".

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F2d. FY22 Personnel Recommendations

Mr. John Wilson recommended raises in the amounts proposed, in the FY22 Personnel Recommendations. The personnel recommendations will be included in the draft budget.

Mayor Jimmy Rafferty questioned, if the rate increases listed, were based on a percentage.

Supervisor Marlin Ladner questioned, how is performance of an employee determined.

Mr. Wilson explained that there are evaluations performed once a year on every employee by supervisors. Employees are evaluated on the performance of duties, goals from prior year and certifications received, and whether, or not the employee exceeded expectations. Increases in pay, are also considered based on in line pay range of the positions.

Mr. Al Gombos suggested the individual employee names listed on the Personnel Recommendations be changed using an employee number or some other form of identification.

Mr. Jim Simpson, Counsel, confirmed by position and names, HCUA salaries are public information.

Mayor George Bass made motion to approve FY22 Personnel Recommendations, seconded by Mr. Al Gombos. A roll call 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 FY22 Personnel Recommendations is attached hereto as exhibit "H".

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F2e. HCUA Signatory Authorization

Mr. John Wilson requested approval for the HCUA Signatory Authorization. Mr. Wilson explained that two signatures are required on the check stamp to conduct business.

Mayor George Bass made motion to approve HCUA Signatory Authorization, seconded by Mr. Wayne Miller. A roll call 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 HCUA Signatory Authorization is attached hereto as exhibit "I".

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F2f. FY22 Budget – Draft

Mr. John Wilson explained that the FY22 Budget draft is an introduction and not a final submission. Separate member agency meetings will be scheduled to review budget draft.

Mayor "Fofu" Gilich questioned if the update on automation was complete.

Mr. Wilson explained the PO request is the only portion not completed as far as automation.

No motion required. A copy of the FY22 Budget - Draft is attached hereto as exhibit "J".

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F2g. HCUA Governing Body Resolution

Mr. John Wilson explained that the HCUA Governing Body Resolution from Hancock Whitney Bank, updates and list the current governing body of Harrison County Utility Authority.

Mayor George Bass made motion to approve HCUA Governing Body Resolution from Hancock Whitney Bank, seconded by Supervisor Connie Rockco. A roll call 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 HCUA Governing Body Resolution for Hancock Whitney Bank is attached hereto as exhibit "K".

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F2h. Back Bay Mission Dumpsters and Trash Cans

Supervisor Connie Rockco explained she had complaints from Back Bay Mission that Back Bay Mission was informed by Waste Management that they could not have dumpsters and trash cans on site. Supervisor Rockco suggested requesting Waste Management to donate dumpsters and trash can services to Back Bay Mission.

Mr. Alan Lane explained there are multiple entities in the same area associated with Back Bay Mission. Some entities have dumpsters while others have trash cans. Mr. Lane agreed to contact Waste Management about the donation request for dumpsters and trash cans but noted he could not dictate actions of Waste Management for donations.

No action required.

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G. Executive Director's Report

Mr. John Wilson explained the S14 Forcemain Project is in place and awaiting pressure test. Riverbend is currently laying pipe for connection. Canal east/south side still requires work to complete. July 11, 2021 was the scheduled completion date, but there have been delays due to weather. The project is at 65% completion and under budget.

Long Beach Project 1 has been awarded, awaiting pre-construction meeting and notice to proceed.

Long Beach Project 2 Notice to Proceed has been issued and project begin date is estimated for the end of July, in order, to allow time for contractor to order and receive materials.

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H. Executive Session

There was no need for Executive Session.


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I. **Adjourn** – At this time Supervisor Marlin Ladner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Jimmy Rafferty. A roll call 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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