

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
August 28, 2018

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on August 28, 2018 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 Chipper McDermott, City of Pass Christian, Director
Mayor George Bass, City of Long Beach, Director
Mr. Al Gombos, representing the City of D'Iberville
Mayor Billy Hewes, City of Gulfport, Director
Supervisor Angel Kibler-Middleton, Harrison County (2), Director
Supervisor Marlin Ladner, Harrison County (1), Director
Mayor Andrew "Fofa" Gilich, City of Biloxi, Director
Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter Attorneys, Esquire
Mr. Donald Scharr, Executive Director, HCUA
Ms. Patra Roberts, Office Manager, HCUA
Ms. Julie Christian, Chief Financial Officer, HCUA
Mr. John Wilson, O & M Manager, HCUA
Mr. Alan Lane, Solid Waste Coordinator, HCUA

ABSENT:

AUDIENCE:

Ms. Linda Elias, City of Gulfport
Mr. Kris Riemann, City of Gulfport
Ms. Cindy Lamb, Pickering Firm
Mr. Derrel Wilson, Utility Partners
Mr. Bobby Knesal, Utility Partners
Mr. Larry Moxley, Utility Partners

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

There being a quorum sufficient to transact business of the Authority, Mayor Bass 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 Bass opened the floor for public comments. There were no public comments.

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Old Business

C. FY-2019 Draft Budget

Mr. Scharr recommended HCUA maintain the current staff levels and utilize Utility Partners to perform additional wastewater operations.

In lieu of hiring a Construction Manager, Mr. Scharr recommended hiring a third-party firm to perform both construction management and RPR services. Mr. Scharr recommended hiring an in-house Engineer on a part-time basis.

Mayor Hewes stated he feels the Board is not making the decision on the budget with a clear understanding. He stated there is still confusion regarding the budget and HCUA must implement a system that is functional and adheres to generally accepted accounting principles and procedures. He will not support a budget that increases HCUA personnel.

Mr. Gombos made a motion to approve the FY-2019 Budget as recommended by Mr. Scharr with the removal of the \$27,000 allocated for the part-time staff and without any new employees or third-party construction management, seconded by Mayor Gilich. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

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 draft budget is attached hereto as exhibit "B".

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G. Executive Director's Report

There was no report.

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H. Executive Session

There was no need for executive session.

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I. Adjourn - At this time Mayor McDermott made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Gilich. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

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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