

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
September 16, 2021

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on September 16, 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:

Mayor Billy Hewes, City of Gulfport, Director
Mayor Jimmy Rafferty, City of Pass Christian, Director
Mayor Andrew "Fofa" Gilich, City of Biloxi, Director
Bernie Parker, City of Long Beach, Councilman
Mr. Al Gombos, representing the City of D'Iberville
Supervisor Marlin Ladner, Harrison County (1), Director
Mr. John Wilson, Executive Director, HCUA
Mr. Alan Lane, Solid Waste Coordinator, HCUA
Ms. Sheila Marsh, Office Manager, HCUA
Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter, Attorneys and Esquire
Supervisor Connie Rockco, Harrison County (2), Director - via Telecom

ABSENT:

Ms. Cindy Breaux, Chief Financial Officer, HCUA

AUDIENCE:

Brett Pund, The Focus Group
Cindy Lamb, Pickering Firm, Inc.
Koby Coulon, Pickering Firm, Inc.
Sam Williams, Waste Management
Shea Magee, Waste Management
Michael Yarbrough, Waste Management

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 "Fofu" Gilich opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.

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C. Approval of the Claims Docket dated September 16, 2021

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated September 16, 2021, seconded by Mr. Bernie Parker, City of Long Beach, Councilman. 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 September 2, 2021

Mayor Billy Hewes noted spelling errors and grammar corrections on page 5 of the Board Meeting Minutes dated September 2, 2021. The corrections included on page 5, paragraph # 1, correcting "request" to "requests", paragraph # 3, correcting "since" to "sense", paragraph # 7, correcting "leche" to "leachate", and paragraph #8, correcting "nye" to "nay".

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes, dated September 2, 2021, with corrected spelling and grammar on page 5, as noted by Mayor Billy Hewes, 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 September 2, 2021, with corrected spelling and grammar, is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

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E. Financial Report

Mr. John Wilson noted, HCUA is in the eleventh month of the FY21 financial budget, and the expenses are on target. The water budget is running high and other areas of the FY21 budget are below budget.

No action required. The Board accepted the Financial Report for August 2021 as presented. A copy of the report is attached hereto as exhibit "D".

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F. Marketing Report

Mr. Brett Pund, The Focus Group, reported for the month of August 2021. Posts reached nearly 60,000. Notices posted during the month included a press release regarding Hurricane Ida and information on the perfect ratings HCUA received during The Mississippi State Health Department inspection, on HCUA water systems.

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 "E".

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G. Action Items

G1. Old Business

G1a. FY22 Budget w/3% Waste Management CPI

Mr. John Wilson noted, at the last Board Meeting, September 2, 2021, the Board adopted and approved the FY22 Budget that included a 3% increase for Waste Management CPI. The 3% increase for Waste Management would not be in effect until certain conditions and criteria were met by Waste Management. The conditions and criteria would be discussed in the next action item on the current agenda. The final FY22 Budget w/3% Waste Management CPI was handed out at the current Board Meeting. Mr. Wilson noted that this would spread the FY22 Budget on the minutes.

No action taken. A copy of the FY22 Budget w/3% Waste Management CPI is attached hereto as exhibit "F".

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G1b. Leachate Letter – Pre-Treatment

Mr. John Wilson explained, at the last Board Meeting, September 2, 2021, the CPI 3% increase for Waste Management required a unanimous vote, the vote was not unanimous. A motion was made at the September 2, 2021, Board Meeting, for Waste Management to return with a plan of action including pretreatment plan of leachate, and after a plan was presented, the CPI 3% increase would be considered by the Board.

Mr. Wilson explained that the pretreatment plan before the Board includes pretreatment of leachate at the Pecan Grove Landfill. Leachate would be pumped to the Delisle Plant and once the pretreatment characteristics are determined, any HCUA plant will be able to process leachate without disruption and the process would be a permanent solution. HCUA pretreatment standards have not changed since the initial pre-treatment standards were set by HCUA. Refinement to the plan for pretreatment of leachate would be required from time to time. The next stage is focusing on leachate pretreatment at Pecan Grove Landfill and determine the process required to get acceptable results at minimal costs. Cost estimates will be presented in the next phase of the leachate pretreatment plan.

First motion, Mayor Billy Hewes made motion that the Board authorize a 3% CPI increase with a condition that within a (6) six-month period, Waste Management presents a plan of pretreatment and disposal of leachate, acceptable by Executive Director and the Board. If a pretreatment plan is not presented nor in place, the 3% CPI increase will be rescinded and the Board will not consider another request, for a (2) two-year period, seconded by Mayor Jimmy Rafferty. No vote was taken, and discussion continued.

During continued discussion of leachate pretreatment plan and conditions for the 3% CPI increase, the following re-stated motion was made by Mayor Billy Hewes.

Mayor Billy Hewes made a motion to approve Leachate – Pre-Treatment, under the conditions, Waste Management presents an acceptable plan of treatment and disposal of leachate within (6) six months or the 3% CPI increase would be rescinded, seconded by Mayor Jimmy Rafferty. 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 Leachate Letter – Pre-Treatment is attached hereto as exhibit “G”.



G2. New Business

G2a. S14 Flat Branch – Closeout & Summary Change Order

No discussion.

Supervisor Marlin Ladner made a motion to table discussion for the S14/Flat Branch – Closeout & Summary Change Order, seconded by Mayor Jimmy Rafferty. 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 table S14/Flat Branch – Closeout & Summary Change Order. A copy of S14/Flat Branch – Closeout & Summary Change Order is attached hereto as exhibit “H”.

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H. Solid Waste Report

Mr. Alan Lane explained that the reduction in the recycling rate for month of August was due to Hurricane Ida and the increase in yard waste garbage tonnage was also due to Hurricane Ida.

Mr. Al Gombos noted, “for the record”, that at the last D’Iberville City Council Meeting, it was noted that the City of D’Iberville was not pleased with services provided by Pelican Waste.

Supervisor Marlin Ladner noted that in the county (Harrison), Pelican Waste is removing piles but not removing the full pile and debris is left scattered on ground.

Mr. John Wilson noted that large debris piles are limited to 8 cubic feet, per address, to be removed during each scheduled route, in order, to service as many residents as possible on each route. Mr. Wilson added HCUA is working on a plan for the removal of debris piled in front of vacant lots.

No action required. The Board accepted the Solid Waste Report as presented. A copy of the Solid Waste Report is attached hereto as exhibit “I”.

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I. Executive Director's Report

No Executive Director's Report.

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J. Executive Session

There was no need for Executive Session.

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K. 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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