

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
March 4, 2021

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on March 4, 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
- Michael Leonard, representing the City of Biloxi
- Mayor George Bass, City of Long Beach, Director
- Mr. Al Gombos, representing the City of D'Iberville
- Supervisor Marlin Ladner, Harrison County (1), Director
- Mr. John Wilson, Executive Director, HCUA
- Ms. Sheila Marsh, Office Manager, HCUA
- Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter, Attorneys and Esquire - via Telecom
- Supervisor Connie Rockco, Harrison County (2), Director - via Telecom

ABSENT:

- Mayor Chipper McDermott, City of Pass Christian, Director
- Ms. Cindy Breaux, Chief Financial Officer, HCUA

AUDIENCE:

No Audience

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

There being a quorum sufficient to transact business of the Authority, Mayor Billy Hewes, representing 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

Mayor Billy Hewes opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.

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C. Approval of the Claims Docket dated March 4, 2021

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated March 4, 2021, 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

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 February 18, 2021

Mayor George Bass made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated February 18, 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

The motion passed. A copy of Board Meeting Minutes dated February 18, 2021 is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

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E. Action Items

1. Old Business

None

2. New Business

E2a. Polydyne – Polymer Contrast Extension – 1 Year (02/15/2021 to 02/15/2022)

Mr. John Wilson requested approval for the Polydyne – Polymer Contrast Extension – 1 Year (02/15/2021 to 02/15/2022). John noted there would be no change in rates for sludge processing under the 1 Year extension (02/15/2021 to 02/15/2022).

Supervisor Marlin Ladner made motion to approve Polydyne – Polymer Contrast Extension – 1 Year (02/15/2021 to 02/15/2022), 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

The motion passed. A copy Polydyne – Polymer Contrast Extension Contract – 1 Year (02/15/2021 to 02/15/2022) is attached hereto as exhibit “D”.

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E2b. S14/Flat Branch Sewer Interceptor & Gravity Main Repairs – Approval to Award Project

Mr. John Wilson requested approval to award lowest opening bid of \$ 518,375.00 on the S14/Flat Branch Sewer Interceptor & Gravity Main Repairs – Approval to Award Project, to JLB Contractors, LLC.

Supervisor Marlin Ladner requested information regarding fees to date spent on project.

Mr. Wilson explained S14 Budget was projected to cost \$1 million of county funds. Engineering fees to date have totaled \$30,000 to \$40,000. Flush video cost was \$100,000. Pickering Engineering furnished the engineering services/RPR assessment for manhole repairs. Pickering Engineering will be involved, on a daily basis, along with contractor and HCUA staff during repairs. John added, entering the new contract, project is under budget.

John explained S14 project and the Riverbend Lagoon will be able to be taken offline on the north end. Current sewer flow will go to S14 line and end up in North Gulfport Treatment Plant and there will also be wetland/erosion control issues to address. The forcemain will go west of Canal and connect Riverbend to Canal Road.

Supervisor Marlin Ladner had concerns about the pressure main and the gravity pipe being in the way and/or would the pipe be required to be moved if not used. John explained the gravity line installation is permanent and there are no plans to abandon the gravity line. Repairs would allow for future service and it is part of CBDG project and MDEQ has been involved with the approvals. John advised there have been no fines from Corp of Engineers to date.

Mr. Wilson will prepare a project status report and present the report to the board including estimates for cleanup.

Supervisor Connie Rockco requested status of lawsuit. Mr. Simpson advised ongoing process.

Mr. Al Gombos made motion to approve S14/Flat Branch Sewer Interceptor & Gravity Main Repairs – 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

The motion passed. A copy of the S14/Flat Branch Sewer Interceptor & Gravity Main Repairs – Approval to Award Project is attached hereto as exhibit “E”.

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F. Executive Director’s Report

Mr. John Wilson advised the Restore Act, Long Beach Project SB12 & SB13 under advertisement, opening bids March 30, 2021 and April 7, 2021.

Mr. Wilson added that he is currently working on a possible line of credit for Construction Pay Apps. The line of credit would allow up to 3-months that would cover construction pay apps during the processing time of reimbursement from MDEQ for Restore Act Money, or SRF funds.

Mayor George Bass requested update on corrections from the February Financials Report. Mr. Wilson advised correction has been made for Long Beach dumpsters. Dumpsters were double billed in error and now corrected. Harrison County landfill fees were due to road cleanup by Road Department and there will be no changes in those fees. Riverbend, Robinwood, Saucier fees were entered for the (3) system internally in error and now corrected to appropriate systems. The % next to WWTP were flow numbers on the report. A revision for January Financials will be presented along with February Financials.

Supervisor Marlin Ladner addressed contracts with solid waste pertaining to the responsibility of the drivers of solid waste trucks to control and prevent litter from the trucks. Mayor Billy Hewes added he also has had complaints and noticed excessive litter recently.

Mr. Al Gombos mentioned he received a complaint regarding a “green” truck and liter from the vehicle. As it turned out, the truck was not a Waste Management vehicle. Mr. Gombos pointed out that determining which “green” solid waste company vehicle littering is difficult and Waste

Management needs to rectify a way to separate their trucks from other "green" solid waste trucks.

Mr. John Wilson advised he would follow up with Alan Lane regarding issues involving litter from solid waste vehicles.

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G. Executive Session

There was no need for Executive Session.

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H. Adjourn – At this time Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to adjourn, 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

The motion to adjourn passed.

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