

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
November 19, 2020

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on November 19, 2020 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 Chipper McDermott, 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
Ms. Marie Ostrander, Financial Assistant, HCUA
Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter, Attorneys and Esquire

ABSENT:

Ms. Cindy Breaux, Chief Financial Officer, HCUA
Brett Pund, The Focus Group

AUDIENCE:

Michael Yarbrough, Waste Management
Sam Williams, Waste Management
Cindy Lamb, Pickering Engineering
Andy Long, PF1

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.

Supervisor Marlin Ladner questioned if Emerald Coast, Pensacola recycling plant re-opened and Mr. John Wilson confirmed plant has been re-opened a few weeks.

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C. Approval of the Claims Docket dated November 19, 2020

Mayor Chipper McDermott made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated November 19, 2020, seconded by Mayor George Bass. 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 claims docket is attached hereto as exhibit "B".

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D. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated November 5, 2020

Mayor George Bass made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated November 5, 2020, seconded by Mayor Chipper McDermott. 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 meeting minutes dated November 5, 2020 is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

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E. Financial Report

E1. Monthly Financial Report

Mr. John Wilson stated that the financial report reflects the first month of the new budget and includes expenses for Long Beach project.

Supervisor Marlin Ladner questioned the information regarding the Hancock Bank Trust Account with no percentage and the yield listed at zero percent.

Mr. John Wilson stated the results involving the percentage rate may be a reflection from interest tied to bond proceedings.

Mr. Jim Simpson, Counsel, added results may also be from paying bond or debt reserve services.

Mayor Billy Hewes requested an informal RFP for bank services to be prepared and presented for approval at the next board meeting.

Supervisor Connie Rockco made a motion to approve the Financial Report, seconded by Mayor George Bass. 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 the Financial Report is attached hereto as exhibit "D".

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F. Marketing Report

No discussion.

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

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G. Action Items

1. Old Business

G1A. Bond 2020 – Discussion

Mr. John Wilson stated, the Bond closing was taking place this date, November 19, 2020. He added that the handout has the final numbers as “the big picture” and accomplished what Biloxi and Gulfport wanted, extending debt out to 2040, other member agencies maintained shorter terms. On December 3, 2020, Board Meeting there will be an amendment to the budget to show the debt savings resulting in reduced payments.

Mr. Jim Simpson noted that there was a 5 million savings, in excess, of what was expected.

A copy of the Bond Discussion Document is attached hereto as exhibit “F”.

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2. New Business

G2a. Force Main and Manhole Repair - Pickering Contract Amendment

Mr. John Wilson stated Force Main and Manhole Repair - Pickering Contract Amendment is related to the S14 project. The contract is underway for the force main. The flush video system, (south Canal to where it ties in), is completed and approval is requested to combine the force main and the manhole repair into one contract. The request is due to the temporary delay to the force main process, because a third permit is required by the Corp of Engineers. The permit is anticipated soon and will allow manhole repair with force main repair. Once the permit is received, HCUA will approach the HCUA Board for approval for advertisement for Bid. Machado Patano is set up for RPR. Engineering Plans and Specifications are ready.

Supervisor Marlin Ladner questioned the time frame to resolve ligation and questioned finances allocated from the member agencies.

Mr. Jim Simpson indicated there is an ongoing process of requested dispositions from all alleged parties, (6) different groups, and ligation should be completed and resolved in 2021.

Mr. John Wilson added, funds spent to date, is under budget and anticipated time fame for the project to be active is end of spring or first of summer 2021.

Mayor George Bass made motion to approve Force Main and Manhole Repair - Pickering Contract Amendment, seconded by Mayor Chipper McDermott. 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 Force Main and Manhole Repair - Pickering Contract Amendment is attached hereto as exhibit "G".

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H. Solid Waste Report

Mr. Alan Lane recommended release of retainage for periods July 2020 thru September 2020 to contractors, as result of no fines accumulated. The rate of retainage is 1-1/2% of each month's invoices.

Mayor Billy Hewes suggested table request and return with recommendation including dollar amount of retainage to be released.

Chipper McDermott made motion to Table Discussion for Release of Retainage, seconded by Mayor George Bass. 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 Solid Waste Report is attached hereto as exhibit "H".

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I. Executive Director's Report

Mr. John Wilson updated Board with information regarding Long Beach Project and the discussion with Covington, and DEQ. There is a policy with Treasury, if there is one project, they review all funding and pay out proportionately with each pay request. Long Beach Project may need to be split into two parts. SRF and DEQ is on board with the split. HCUA is expecting to approach Board for approval on Advertisement for Bid in December 2020.

Mr. John Wilson added he would return with amendment to budget.

Supervisor Connie Rockco requested investigating odors in the areas of D'Iberville Plant, and area of Lorraine/Cowan Bridge.

Mr. John Wilson indicated HCUA would work on HCUA areas of responsibility and contact and forward information for the other areas to proper agencies.

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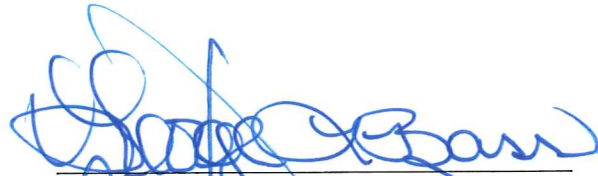
J. Executive Session


There was no need for Executive Session.

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K. Adjourn – At this time Mayor Chipper McDermott made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mayor George Bass.

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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