

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
December 3, 2020

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on December 3, 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:

- Dr. John Kelly, City of Gulfport, Designee
- Mayor Chipper McDermott, City of Pass Christian, Director
- Mayor Andrew "Fofo" 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
- 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

AUDIENCE:

- Jane Meynardie, Wise Carter, Attorneys and Esquire
- Jason Thomas, MA of MS
- Ms. Lindsey Rea, Raymond James

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

There being a quorum sufficient to transact business of the Authority, Dr. John Kelly, Designee for 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

Dr. John Kelly opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.

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C. Approval of the Claims Docket dated December 3, 2020

Mayor Chipper McDermott questioned the monthly cost of \$14,000.00 for Blue Cross Medical Insurance for HCUA employees.

Mr. John Wilson confirmed the cost of \$14,000 is for 18 employees.

Mayor George Bass made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated December 3, 2020, seconded by Mayor "Fofu" 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 claims docket is attached hereto as exhibit "B".

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D. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated November 19, 2020

Mayor George Bass made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated November 19, 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 19, 2020 is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

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E. Action Items

1. Old Business

E1a. Solid Waste – No Fines/Release Retainage

Mr. John Wilson noted there was request at the last board meeting from Mayor Billy Hewes to provide at this meeting the amounts of retainage to be released for Solid Waste. The amounts presented for approval for retainage returned is \$14,096.16 for Waste Management and \$6,268.05 for Pelican Waste.

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Solid Waste – No Fines/Release 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 Solid Waste – No Fines/Release Retainage is attached hereto as exhibit "D".

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E1b. 2020 Bond – Discussion

Mr. John Wilson requested moving E1b. 2020 Bond – Discussion to item F. Ms. Lindsey Rea was not present but in route.

Mayor Chipper McDermott made motion to amend agenda with item E1b. 2020 Bond – Discussion moved to item F, seconded by Mr. Al Gombos. 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. Agenda Item E1b. 2020 Bond – Discussion moved to Agenda item F.

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E2. New Business

E2a. FY21 Budget Amendment – Reduce Debt

Mr. John Wilson requested an amendment to the FY21 Budget. The amendment is required as result of the Bond Swap. The amendment will reflect debt payment reductions and the savings passed to member agencies. The amendment will allow for revision of monthly billing to member agencies beginning in January 2021, for savings.

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the FY21 Budget Amendment – Reduce Debt, seconded by Mayor “Fofu” 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 FY21 Budget Amendment – Reduce Debt is attached hereto as exhibit “E”.

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Ms. Lindsey Rea currently in route to Board Meeting. The Executive Director’s Report will be next item on Agenda.

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F. Executive Director’s Report

Mr. John Wilson updated Board with information regarding Long Beach Project/Price Brothers and the discussion with Covington, and DEQ. The initial discussion with Covington and DEQ involved matters regarding splitting the Long Beach Project, spend Restore funds first, then SRF funds. It was noted, there has been a meeting with Mayor George Bass discussing the matter and there is a progress meeting scheduled Monday, December 7, 2020, with DEQ and Covington.

Mr. John Wilson mentioned the S14 Project and action taken at the last board meeting. Approval was received for amendment to engineering to add manhole repair to force main installation construction contract. The next Board Meeting there will be a request for advertisement for bid for S14 Forcemain and Manhole Repair. HCUA has received from Corp of Engineers the 3rd permit required.

Mr. John Wilson reviewed discussion at the last board meeting regarding request from Mayor Billy Hewes and Supervisor Marlin Ladner to seek information regarding an RFP for financial banking services. Mr. Wilson advised that Hancock Bank has notified HCUA of additional charges for financial services. HCUA is in the process of collecting information as requested and will prepare an RFP for financial services.

Mr. John Wilson advised that Jason Thomas, municipals advisors, will be retained to discuss particulars to get savings or interest on funds in bank. John added that with the previous bond there were (17) seventeen bank accounts and there are accounts that will be closed due to the change in bonds. Money in reserve should have interest.

Mr. Jason Thomas advised he will review charges for financial services used versus charges for financial services not being used.

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2020 Bond – Discussion

Mr. John Wilson noted that Ms. Lindsey Rea, Raymond James, administrated the process of the bond swap, Jane Meynardie, was bond counsel and Jason Thomas was the municipal advisor.

Ms. Lindsey Rea, Raymond James, approached the Board and handed out 2020 Bond documents for discussion. Ms. Rea advised that the results on Bond swap was better than projected. The bond locked at the lowest rate and the swap locked with a high rate. The payment results for Gulfport and Biloxi on page 3, payments extended thru 2040 and other member agencies extended payments thru 2033. First page of report indicates 5.2 million total savings for member agencies and the fixed rate is for life of issue. The 2020 bond was issued for 94 million. Interest rate locked in to 2.11 percent. No required bond rating required for HCUA. Page two indicates information and the benefit of (19) nineteen investors.

Dr. John Kelly summed up the discussion with high regards to the team and firm of Raymond James for outstanding performance. Dr. Kelly confirmed information on 2020 Bond was offered as discussion material with no action needed.

Mr. All Gombos presented a question for Mr. James Simpson, Counsel regarding information in the FY2020 Bond. Mr. Gombos stated, "In fine print it states some agencies will structure payments thru 2033 but will remain liable under the joint and several clause in the service agreement. What is the current maturity of the service agreement with each member agency, 2035?" Mr. Simpson responded, "That sounds about right." Mr. Gombos suggested now is a good time to review service agreements and restructure/extend agreement for member agencies beyond 2035.

Mr. James Simpson agreed to review each entities' agreement and discuss with agencies attorney's as necessary.

Documents presented for 2020 Bond - Discussion by Ms. Lindsey Rea, are attached hereto as exhibit "F".

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G. Executive Session

There was no need for Executive Session.


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H. 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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