

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
May 7, 2020

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on May 7, 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:

- Mr. Al Gombos, representing the City of D'Iberville (Teleconference)
- Mayor Chipper McDermott, City of Pass Christian, Director (Teleconference)
- Mayor Billy Hewes, City of Gulfport, Director (Teleconference)
- Mayor Andrew "Fofu" Gilich, City of Biloxi, Director (In-Person)
- Mayor George Bass, City of Long Beach, Director (In-Person)
- Supervisor Marlin Ladner, Harrison County (1), Director (Teleconference)
- Supervisor Connie Rockco, Harrison County (2), Director (In-Person)
- Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter Attorneys, Esquire (Teleconference)
- Mr. John Wilson, Executive Director, HCUA
- Ms. Patra Roberts, Office Manager, HCUA

ABSENT:

None

AUDIENCE:

None

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

There being a quorum sufficient to transact business of the Authority, Mr. Gombos 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

There were no public comments.

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C. Approval of the Claims Docket dated May 7, 2020

Mayor Bass made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated May 7, 2020, 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 claims docket is attached hereto as exhibit "B".

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D. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated April 16, 2020

Mayor Bass made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated April 16, 2020, 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 meeting minutes is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

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Old Business

E. 1 a – None

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New Business

E. 2 a – None

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F. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Wilson provided updates on various county projects.

BP Project/LB Project – The project is ongoing. The third progress meeting was held. The engineer’s modeling report has been received. The final design will be set shortly.

West Fritz Creek Phase II –The project is on-going. Currently working on the main drag in Florence Gardens. Currently working through some access issues. A separate discussion with the City of Gulfport may be necessary.

S-14 Completion Project – Bids have been received and tabulated for the flush and video contract. Jay Bearden Construction was the low bidder. The Board consensus expressed their desire to reject Jay Bearden. Jim Simpson state the bid selection is for the lowest and best bid. Mr. Simpson stated written findings are required detailing why Jay Bearden is not the best. He will prepare written findings to present to the Board at the May 21, 2020 board meeting.

Biloxi/D’Iberville Water Project – most field work is complete. Completing electrical work. Project should be ready for closeout soon.

The Locust Pump Station – Mr. Wilson stated that some issues have developed with the property owners. The owner of two of the three easements has rescinded his offer. The other owner is not responding. Legal counsel is evaluating alternatives. The Board consensus was to move forward with the owner of the two easements and settle the matter. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Simpson will work to develop a legal path to move forward and present to the Board.

All Board members wish to resume in-person meetings starting on May 2020. Mr. Gombos requested the chairs be re-arrange to adhere to the social distancing guidelines. He also recommended allowing speakers to come in one-at-a time to address the Board and then exit.

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I. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

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J. Adjourn - At this time Mayor Gilich made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Hewes. 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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