

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
November 17, 2022

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on November 17, 2022, 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. Wayne Miller, representing City of Gulfport
Mayor Jimmy Rafferty, City of Pass Christian, Director
Mayor Andrew "Fofu" 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. Cindy Breaux, Chief Financial Officer, HCUA
Mr. Alan Lane, Solid Waste Coordinator, HCUA
Ms. Sheila Marsh, Office Manager, HCUA
Lisa Verhovshek, Wise Carter, Attorneys and Esquire

ABSENT:

Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter, Attorneys and Esquire

AUDIENCE:

Jaclyn Turner, HARCO
Steve Seymour, Pelican Waste
Kevin McCumby, H2O Innovation
Andrea Lott, Pelican Waste
Kevin Barthlemy, Pelican Waste
Casey Schouest, Pelican Waste
Chec White, Pelican Waste
Rodd Matherne, Pelican Waste
Charles Dellenger, Community Bank
Shea Magee, Waste Management
Anthony Grier, Pickering Firm, Inc.
Ben Whiteside, The Focus Group

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

There being a quorum sufficient to transact business of the Authority, Supervisor Connie Rockco, representing Harrison County, 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

Supervisor Connie Rockco opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.

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C. Approval of the Claims Docket dated November 17, 2022

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated November 17, 2022, 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 Claims Docket is attached hereto as exhibit "B".

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D. Approval of Revised Board Meeting Minutes dated October 20, 2022

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Revised Board Meeting Minutes dated October 20, 2022, seconded by Mayor George Bass. 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 Revised Board Meeting Minutes dated October 20, 2022, is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

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E. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated November 3, 2022

Mayor George Bass made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated November 3, 2022, 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 November 3, 2022, is attached hereto as exhibit "D".

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F. Financial Report

Ms. Cindy Breau explained that she is available if there are questions regarding the October 2022 Financial Report.

No action required. The Board accepted the Financial Report for October 2022 as presented. A copy of the report is attached hereto as exhibit "E".

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G. Marketing Report

Ben Whiteside with The Focus Group explained that for the new FY23, a portion of the funds have been appropriated for the use of generating graphics for a recycling campaign. Engagement numbers have increased with 4,000 clicks to ads.

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 "F".

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H. Action Items

H1. Old Business

None

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H2. New Business

H2a. Emergency & Minor Construction Contract – 1 Yr. Extension

Mr. John Wilson recommended extending the current Emergency & Minor Construction Contract, for JLB, for one year.

Mayor George Bass made motion to approve Emergency & Minor Construction Contract – 1 Yr. Extension, 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 Emergency & Minor Construction Contract – 1 Yr. Extension is attached hereto as exhibit "G".

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H2b. Waste Management Contract Award – Garbage/Recycle/Roll Off/Cart Maintenance & Compactors

Mr. John Wilson recommend approval to award contracts to WM for Garbage/Recycle/Roll Off/Cart Maintenance & Compactors.

Mr. Shea Magee from Waste Management explained that Waste Management has rebranded and is now "WM". WM uniforms are manufactured from recycling materials. WM has a proposal for a future MURF on the Gulf Coast. Mr. Magee also noted that that a local driver, Mr. John Brown, driver for HCUA customers, is nominated for WM driver of the year. Board Members expressed interest in meeting Mr. Brown and Mr. Magee agreed to bringing Mr. Brown to a future Board Meeting.

Supervisor Marlin Ladner requested clarification as to the amount of increase (\$3 million total for all member agencies) for the solid waste contract and what services, if any, are different compared to the current solid waste contract and Mr. Supervisor Ladner requested clarification on CPI adjustments.

Mr. John Wilson explained that there are minor adjustments to the solid waste contract and the increase is in the range of \$3 million total for combined member agencies. The same number of trucks will be in service under the new solid waste contract and trucks with less than (4) years of service may be placed in service for the same level of service under the new solid waste

contract. WM currently has a contract with Republic in Baton Rouge as a secondary (backup) MURF for recycling. The WM landfill contract has a CPI request, the collection CPI is based on CPI index and guaranteed every year. The trucking industry CPI this year is 9.1% and the current RFP for the new contract has a CPI of 4.2% with a 5% cap.

Mr. Al Gombos made motion to approve Waste Management Contract Award Garbage/Recycle/Roll Off/Cart Maintenance & Compactors, seconded by Mayor George Bass. A vote resulted in the following:

Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	sustain
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 Waste Management Contract Award – Garbage/Recycle/Roll Off/Cart Maintenance & Compactors is attached hereto as exhibit "H".

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H2c. Pelican Waste Contract Award – Yard Waste/Community Service/Dumpsters

Mr. John Wilson requested approval to award Pelican Waste Contract Award – Yard Waste/Community Service/Dumpsters contract.

Mr. Rodd Matherne, CEO with Pelican Waste presented the Board Members with a hand out and explained that Pelican Waste employees are local coast residents. Ms. Andrea Lott has been with Pelican Waste (20) years, and she is the District Manager for Pelican Waste MS and LA areas.

Pelican Waste has an order for 50 yard trucks, to replace 24 yard trucks. Larger trucks result in a decrease in hauling visits and time to the landfill and results in more collection time. Rear load trucks will increase from 20 yard trucks, to 25 yard trucks. A new front loader is also on order.

Supervisor Marlin Ladner requested clarification on Pelican Waste's internal adjustments related to reducing incoming complaints to the Harrison County Office, resulting from residents communicating with Pelican Waste with no action taken, the resident contacts Harrison County's Office resulting an influx of incoming complaint calls.

Mr. Chec White assured the Board Members that Mr. White returns all resident complaint messages he receives, and video is reviewed from the trucks for specifics reference the complaints.

Mr. Rodd Matherne noted that Ms. Andrea Lott reviews Pelican Waste emails and Ms. Lott is on the coast twice a week to address and minimize the time required to resolve complaints from residents.

Supervisor Connie Rockco requested clarification about resolving resident complaints involving no service to what appears to be vacant lots but is actually large properties owned by residents and mistaken by Pelican Waste for a vacant lot.

Supervisor Marlin Ladner explained that there are also resident complaints on damage to property (the ground and grass) and complaints about drivers leaving debris on ground left from the removal debris pile.

Mr. Rodd Matherne explained that communication should be open, with Mr. Alan Lane, to resolve clarifications on whether or not specific lots are considered vacant or part of a owners' property. Mr. Rodd noted that sometimes new drivers and lack of experience are the result of ground and grass damage.

Mr. Chec White explained that once a large debris pile is removed, there are small pieces of debris left on ground and if the driver is required to get out and rake the ground, it slows down service to the rest of the route and Pelican is attempting to service all customers on the routes.

Mayor George Bass requested clarification, on whether or not, the new trucks would be placed in service if received prior the new contact period.

Mr. Rodd Matherne explained that the order for new trucks has been placed and once trucks are received, the trucks will be placed in service. The anticipated delivery period is May 2023.

Supervisor Marlin Ladner requested clarification on the events that are considered community services.

Mr. Alan Lane explained community events include "Cruisin' the Coast", Coastal Cleanup Mississippi", "Renew Our Rivers", and "Touch A Trucks" to name a few.

Mayor George Bass made motion to approve Pelican Waste Contract Award – Yard Waste/Community Service/Dumpsters seconded by Mr. Al Gombos. A vote resulted in the following:

Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	sustain
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 Pelican Waste Contract Award – Yard Waste/Community Service/Dumpsters is attached hereto as exhibit "I".

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I. Executive Director's Report

Mr. John Wilson explained that the mediation scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, 2022, was cancelled due to the absence of Mr. James Simpson, Counsel.

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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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