

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
October 5, 2017

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on October 5, 2017, 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  
Supervisor Angel Kibler-Middleton, Harrison County (2), Director  
Mayor Andrew "Fof" Gilich, City of Biloxi, Director  
Mayor George Bass, City of Long Beach, Director  
Mr. Al Gombos, representing the City of D'Iberville  
Mr. Danny Boudreaux, representing Harrison County (2)  
Mayor Chipper McDermott, City of Pass Christian, Director  
Mr. Russell Nobile, Wise Carter Attorneys, Esquire  
Mr. Donald Scharr, Executive Director, HCUA  
Ms. Patra Roberts, Office Manager, HCUA  
Ms. Julie Christian, Chief Financial Officer, HCUA  
Mr. John Wilson, O & M Manager, HCUA  
Mr. Alan Lane, Solid Waste Coordinator, HCUA

ABSENT:

Supervisor Marlin Ladner, Harrison County (1), Director  
Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter Attorneys, Esquire

AUDIENCE:

Mr. Tim Holleman, Boyce Holleman & Associates  
Mr. Peter Abide, City of Biloxi  
Mr. Bernie Parker, City of Long Beach  
Mr. Derrel Wilson, Utility Partners  
Ms. Cindy Lamb, Pickering Engineering  
Ms. Jenna Bennett, Team Waste  
Mr. Andrew Densing, Team Waste  
Mr. Wally Carter, Team Waste  
Ms. Page Carter, Team Waste  
Mr. Damon Torricelli, Neel Schaffer  
Mr. Roddie Matherne, Pelican Waste  
Mr. Tommy Thibodeaux, Pelican Waste  
Ms. Lavada Johnson, Pelican Waste  
Ms. Colby Cantrell, Pelican Waste  
Ms. Brynn Joachim, The Focus Group  
Mr. Roddie Matherne, Pelican Waste  
Mr. Tommy Thibodeaux, Pelican Waste  
Ms. Kelly Griffin, Harrison County

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

There being a quorum sufficient to transact business of the Authority, Mayor McDermott 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 McDermott opened the floor for public comments.

Mr. Andrew Densing, from Team Waste, provided a status update on the new solid waste services. He reported:

- Additional crews were brought in to help with start-up
- Team Waste has a lot of new drivers that are learning their routes
- Distribution of brown cans are 95 percent complete
- Recycle carts are expected to be completed by next week.
- Carts need to be spaced at least 5 feet away from mailbox and other carts.

Mr. Roddie Matherne, from Pelican Waste, provided a status update on the new solid waste services. He stated that Pelican has picked up almost 400 tons of trash in the last week.

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**Amend Agenda**

Mayor Bass made a motion to amend the agenda to add Solid Waste Litigation Update, 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.

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Mr. Holleman stated the Solid Waste Litigation will require an Executive Session.

## Executive Session

Mayor Bass made a motion to enter into closed session to determine the need for Executive Session. 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.

Mr. Holleman stated the need to discuss pending litigation and strategies of that litigation involving the Harrison County Utility Authority and the City of Gulfport.

Mayor Bass made a motion to enter Executive Session, seconded by Mr. 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. The Board entered into Executive Session.

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Mayor Bass made a motion to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session, 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. The Board returned to Open Session.

Mr. Holleman provided a status report on the pending litigation for HCUA versus the City of Gulfport in Executive Session.

There was no action taken during Executive Session.

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**Mr. Holleman exited the meeting.**

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**C. Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes dated September 14, 2017**

Mayor Bass made a motion to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes dated September 14, 2017, seconded by Mr. 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.

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**D. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated September 20, 2017**

Mr. Gombos made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated September 20, 2017, seconded by Mayor 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.

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**E. Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes dated September 25, 2017**

Mayor Bass made a motion to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes dated September 25, 2017, seconded by Mr. 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.

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**F. Approval of HCUA Claims Docket dated October 6, 2017**

Mayor Bass made a motion to approve the HCUA Claims Docket dated October 6, 2017, seconded by Mr. 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. A copy of the Claims Docket is attached hereto as exhibit "B".

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**New Business – CDBG**

**G.1 a – None**

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**New Business**

**G. 2 a – Approval to Advertise for Sludge Removal from South Gulfport WWTF Digester**

Mayor Bass made a motion to approve the request to Advertise for Sludge Removal from South Gulfport WWTF Digester, 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 memorandum are attached hereto as exhibit "C".

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**I. 2 b – Ratify Declaration of Emergency for Repairs to Woolmarket Pump Station – Force Main Leak**

Mr. Gombos made a motion to ratify the Declaration of Emergency for Repairs to Woolmarket Pump Station – Force Main Leak, seconded by Mayor 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 memorandum are attached hereto as exhibit "D".

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**I. 2 c – Recommendation for Amendment to HCUA Solid Waste Plan – Neel Schaffer**

Mr. Scharr recommended approval to contract Neel Schaffer to amend the HCUA Solid Waste Plan. He stated the contract will be on a time and materials basis, with a cost not to exceed \$20,000. There will be a distribution of costs between HCUA and the City of Gulfport.

Mayor Bass made a motion to approve the Amendment to HCUA Solid Waste Plan – Neel Schaffer, 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 proposal is attached hereto as exhibit "E".

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## **I. 2 d – Waste Pro Invoices**

Mr. Scharr stated he presented the Waste Pro invoice separate from the claims docket because the large number of complaints and notices provided to Waste Pro. He noted this invoice is for the month of August 2017.

Mr. Scharr recommended the invoice be tabled and Waste Pro be notified of outstanding issues. He stated Waste Pro will be given ten days to respond.

Mr. Gombos made a motion to table the Waste Pro Invoices, seconded by Mayor 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 invoice is attached hereto as exhibit "F".

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## **I. 2 e – Request to Acquire HCUA Property**

Mr. Scharr advised that Mr. Dennis Stieffel made an inquiry, on behalf of a developer, about acquisition of a parcel of land owned by HCUA. The parcel is located on Shorecrest Road in the Woolmarket area.

Mayor McDermott made a motion to authorize Mr. Scharr to proceed with the necessary steps for sale of the Shorecrest Road Parcel, seconded by Mr. 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. A copy of the memorandum is attached hereto as exhibit "G".

#### J. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Scharr recommended the declaration of emergency for Regional Tropical Depression 16.

Mr. Gombos made a motion to Declare an Emergency for Tropical Depression 16, seconded by Mayor 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

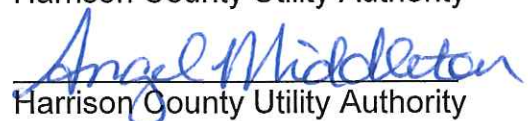
The motion passed.

**L. Adjourn** - At this time Mr. Gombos 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.

  
 Mark Landon  
 Harrison County Utility Authority

  
 Angel Middleton  
 Harrison County Utility Authority