

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
April 18, 2019

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on April 18, 2019 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 Chipper McDermott, City of Pass Christian, Director
Mayor George Bass, City of Long Beach, Director
Mayor Billy Hewes, City of Gulfport, Director
Mr. Mike Leonard, representing the City of Biloxi
Mr. Al Gombos, representing the City of D'Iberville
Supervisor Marlin Ladner, Harrison County (1), Director
Supervisor Connie Rockco, Harrison County (2), Director
Mr. James Simpson, 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

ABSENT:

Mayor Andrew "Fofo" Gilich, City of Biloxi, Director

AUDIENCE:

Ms. Cindy Lamb, Pickering Firm
Mr. Andy Phelan, Pickering Firm
Ms. Brynn Joachim, The Focus Group
Mr. Bernie Parker, City of Long Beach
Mr. Damon Torricelli, Neel-Schaffer
Mr. Scott Burge, BMA, Inc.
Mr. Tommy Thibodeaux, Pelican Waste
Mr. Tyrone Williams, Pelican Waste
Ms. Colby Cantrell, Pelican Waste
Mr. Bobby Knesal, Utility Partners

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

There being a quorum sufficient to transact business of the Authority, Mayor Bass 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 Bass opened the floor for public comments. There were no public comments.

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C. Approval of the Claims Docket dated April 19, 2019

Mr. Gombos made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated April 19, 2019, seconded by Mr. Leonard. 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 4, 2019

Mr. Gombos made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated April 4, 2019, seconded by Mayor 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 meeting minutes is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

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E. Technical Committee Meeting Minutes dated April 10, 2019

Mr. Gombos made a motion to spread on the minutes the Technical Committee Meeting Minutes dated April 10, 2019, seconded by Supervisor Ladner. 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 meeting minutes is attached hereto as exhibit "D".

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F. Financial Report

Ms. Christian provided the board with a financial report as of March 31, 2019.

Mr. Gombos made a motion to accept the Financial Report as presented, seconded by Mr. Leonard. 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 report is attached hereto as exhibit "E".

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G. Marketing Report

Ms. Joachim provided the board with the monthly marketing report. She noted the HCUA Facebook page has reached 48,000 followers, which is the highest number to date. She advised that the details of the HCUA's Earth Day Challenge have been finalized and it will begin on Monday, April 22, 2019. The first quarterly HCUA newsletter will also be released on April 22, 2019.

Mr. Gombos made a motion to accept the Marketing Report as presented, seconded by Mr. Leonard. 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 report is attached hereto as exhibit "F".

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H. Solid Waste Report

Mr. Lane provided the Board with a monthly report of solid waste operations for March 2019.

Mr. Gombos made a motion to accept the Solid Waste Report as presented, seconded by Supervisor Rockco. 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 report is attached hereto as exhibit "G".

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Old Business

I. 1 a – Long Beach Interceptor (BP) Project Update

Mr. Scharr advised he attended the Development Commission Board meeting this week. No action was taken during the meeting regarding the agreement. Mr. Scharr stated that the commission's legal counsel provided them with a report that stated he saw no legal or economic advantage to participating in the agreement with HCUA.

Mr. Scharr recommended removing the section that includes the Long Beach Interceptor from the project.

Supervisor Ladner stated the Commission has not voted on the matter. He believes the commission wants some assurances.

Mr. Simpson stated the Commission has three general conditions for the agreement:

1. They want a three-year rate guarantee.
2. They want to know what formula was used to calculate their rate

3. They want to make sure they are not sharing in any of the debt service.

Supervisor Ladner suggested to have the HCUA Board of Directors meet with their Board of Directors before a decision is reached.

There was also discussion about their perceived loss of the asset value if the interceptor is taken over by HCUA.

There was a discussion about how the funds allocated to the industrial park will be distributed among the remaining areas of the project.

Mayor McDermott made a motion to remove the LB Industrial Park and the Red Creek diversion from the project and keep all other sections of the project, seconded by Supervisor Ladner. 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 "H".

New Business

I. 2 a – 2018 Water and Sewer Connection Policy – Amendment No. 1 – Revision to Temporary Water Usage

Mr. Simpson advised that he is meeting this afternoon with Mr. Dennis Miller, the attorney for Sutter Water Services to discuss an agreement for temporary water service.

Mayor McDermott made a motion to approve the 2018 Water and Sewer Connection Policy – Amendment No. 1 – Revision to Temporary Water Usage, seconded by Mr. Leonard. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	aye
D'Iberville	voted	nay
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 "I".

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I. 2 b –RFP for O & M services

Mr. Scharr requested authorization to advertise the RFP for O & M services, subject to a final review of the complete RFP package by the Technical Committee.

Supervisor Ladner asked if the RFP is completed. Mr. Scharr stated the final package is still being put together. He advised there is a large quantity of supporting documents that are being compiled. Once the RFP package is completed it will be provided to the Technical Committee for final review.

Mayor Bass stated he has a copy of the document provided to the Technical Committee at the last meeting. He stated he has concerns about it. Mayor Bass requested the advertisement be put on hold until the complete RFP package can be compiled and distributed to all board members for review.

Supervisor Ladner asked if the base proposal is a labor contract like the current contract. Mr. Scharr advised the base proposal is essentially the same type of labor contract in place currently.

Mayor McDermott made a motion to table the RFP for O & M Services, seconded by Supervisor Ladner. 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 "J".

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I. 2 c – S-14 Project Update

Mr. Simpson stated that most information will need to be provided in Executive Session.

Mr. Simpson advised that the new Corps of Engineers permit has been issued. Work on the project can resume.

No action required. A copy of the memorandum is attached hereto as exhibit "K".

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J. Executive Director's Report

There was no Executive Director's Report.

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K. Executive Session

Mayor McDermott made a motion to enter 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. Simpson stated there was a need for Executive Session to discuss potential litigation related to the S-14 project.

Mayor McDermott made a motion to enter Executive Session, seconded by Supervisor Ladner. 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 Executive Session.

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Mayor McDermott made a motion to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session, seconded by Supervisor Rockco. 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.

There was no action taken during Executive Session.


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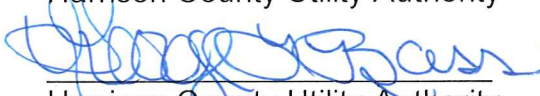
L. Adjourn - At this time Mayor McDermott made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Rockco. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

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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