## HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING November 18, 2021

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on November 18, 2021, 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
Mayor Jimmy Rafferty, 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
Mr. John Wilson, Executive Director, HCUA
Mr. Alan Lane, Solid Waste Coordinator, HCUA
Ms. Sheila Marsh, Office Manager, HCUA
Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter, Attorneys and Esquire
Supervisor Connie Rockco, Harrison County (2), Director - via Telecom

#### ABSENT:

Ms. Cindy Breaux, Chief Financial Officer, HCUA

### AUDIENCE:

Ben Whiteside, The Focus Group Shea Magee, Waste Management Derrel Wilson, H20

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

There being a quorum sufficient to transact business of the Authority, Mayor Andrew "Fofo" Gilich, representing City of Biloxi, called the meeting to order. The following proceedings were had and done.

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A. Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

### **B. Public Comments**

Mayor Andrew "Fofo" Gilich opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.

# C. Approval of the Claims Docket dated November 18, 2021

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated November 18, 2021, 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 the Claims Docket is attached hereto as exhibit "B".

# D. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated November 4, 2021

Supervisor Marlin Ladner noted recused due to his absence from the November 4, 2021, Board Meeting.

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated November 4, 2021, 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	recused
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed. A copy of Board Meeting Minutes dated November 4, 2021, is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

## E. Financial Report

Mr. John Wilson noted that several projects have started for the first month of the new FY22. Costs associated with the projects will reflect on the January Financials.

No action required. The Board accepted the Financial Report for October 2021 as presented. A copy of the report is attached hereto as exhibit "D".

## F. Marketing Report

Mr. Ben Whiteside, presented Face Book stats for October 2021, reached over 37,000 residents, engagements were 753, Face Book page gained 16 new followers, and there were 401 clicks on ads. The numbers decreased, compared to previous months numbers, due to Face Book updates and new Face Book policies. Updates are required for security purposes. Mr. Whiteside noted that because the ads were discontinued, and the budget, for the months affected, will roll into future months for HCUA. Mr. Alan Lane will provide a required disclaimer to Mr. Whiteside, The Focus Group, authorizing The Focus Group to act on HCUA's behalf for HCUA Face Book page.

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 "E".

#### G. Action Items

#### 1. Old Business

None

## 2. New Business

### G2a. Keegan Bayou – Generator Replacement

Mr. John Wilson requested permission to advertise Keegan Bayou - Generator Replacement.

Mayor Billy Hewes made motion to adopt Keegan Bayou – Generator Replacement, for advertisement, seconded by Supervisor Marlin Ladner. 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)
Pass Christian

voted voted aye aye

The motion passed. A copy of the Keegan Bayou Generator Replacement is attached hereto as exhibit "F".

## H. Executive Director's Report

Mr. John Wilson noted that the S14 project is complete. River Hills system has been in operation for one month. All ten HCUA plants are operating.

Supervisor Marlin Ladner questioned if the property associated with the S14 project would be restored to original condition.

Mr. Wilson explained that during weather storms, the access road was blown out, the access road and fences required rebuilding, and restoration work is still required for completion.

Mr. James Simpson noted that there is a meeting, November 18, 2021, for discussion about the restoration work for the S14 project. There are issues regarding easement obligations.

Mayor George Bass questioned the obligations and HCUA's contingent to restore easement to original condition.

Mr. Wilson explained, no, in a conventional way, the Corp of Engineers opposes to hauling in fill because the continuation of erosion. Soil has eroded and clogged the Flat Branch channel. Restoration with vegetation is what is needed, and the area is mostly wetlands.

Mr. Al Gombos requested an update be sent to the City of D'Iberville Council and the City of D'Iberville Administration on the S20 Lift Station odor problems.

Mr. Wilson explained that the bar screen station area is monitored seven days a week and cleaned when required. The dumpster has been emptied and lime placed in dumpster. Rubber mats have been placed on top of bar screen to contain odors and the access doors do not have rubber mats.

Mr. Al Gombos noted that there are funds for the S20 project.

Mayor Billy Hewes noted that he would like to receive a report, at least for quarterly scheduled Technical Committee Meetings. It would be at Mr. Wilson's discretion, but Mayor Hewes preferred reports for monthly scheduled Technical Committee Meetings. Mr. Wilson noted that the next scheduled Technical Committee Meeting is for December 8, 2021. The meeting will include a first edition of the Master Plan Phase 2, new facility plan, and the Corp of Engineer 219 project.

## I. Executive Session

There was no need for Executive Session.

Mr. James Simpson, Counsel, gave an update on the S14 litigation. Litigation is progressing and Travelers Insurance is considering resolution. Depositions for the case will begin in the near future.

J. Adjourn – At this time Mayor Billy Hewes 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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