

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
December 5, 2024

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Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on December 5, 2024 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. Jeremy Harrison, representing the City of Gulfport  
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 Couty (2), Director  
Supervisor Dan Cuevas, Harrison Couty (2), Director  
Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter, Attorneys and Esquire  
Mr. John Wilson, Executive Director, HCUA  
Mr. Alan Lane, Solid Wase Manager, HCUA  
Mr. Sam Boom, Engineering/Construction Manager  
Ms. Marie Ostrander, Office Manager, HCUA

**ABSENT:**

Mayor Billy Hewes, City of Gulfport, Director

**AUDIENCE:**

Darrel Wilson, H2O Innovation  
Bobby Knesal, H2O Innovation  
Damon Torricelli, Neel-Schaffer, Inc.

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

There being a quorum sufficient to transact business of the Authority, Mayor George Bass, representing The City of Long Beach, 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 George Bass opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.

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C. Approval of the Claims Docket dated December 5, 2024

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated December 5, 2024, seconded by Supervisor Dan Cuevas. A vote resulted in the following:

|                     |        |     |
|---------------------|--------|-----|
| Biloxi              | absent |     |
| 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 amended Claims Docket dated December 5, 2024 is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

D. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated November 21, 2024

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated November 21, 2024, seconded by Supervisor Dan Cuevas. A vote resulted in the following:

|                     |        |     |
|---------------------|--------|-----|
| Biloxi              | absent |     |
| 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 revised Board Meeting Minutes dated November 21, 2024 is attached hereto as exhibit "D".

E. Action Items

1. Old Business

NONE



2. New Business

E2a. Annual Appropriation of \$15,000 to Harrison County Beautification - Approval

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to discuss Annual Appropriation of \$15,000 to Harrison County Beautification - Approval, seconded by Supervisor Marlin Ladner. A vote resulted in the following:

|                     |        |     |
|---------------------|--------|-----|
| Biloxi              | absent |     |
| 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 |



Mr. John Wilson explained that this is the regular annual appropriation of funding given to the County for the Hazardous Household Waste collection sites and events.

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve Annual Appropriation of \$15,000 to Harrison County Beautification - Approval, seconded by Supervisor Marlin Ladner. A vote resulted in the following:

|                     |        |     |
|---------------------|--------|-----|
| Biloxi              | absent |     |
| 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 Gaseous Chlorine & Sulfur Dioxide Contract – Extension - Approval is attached hereto as exhibit “E”.

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E2b. Auction of Two Vehicles – Approval

Supervisor Dan Cuevas made a motion to discuss Auction of Two Vehicles - Approval, seconded by Mr. Jeremy Harrison. A vote resulted in the following:

|                     |        |     |
|---------------------|--------|-----|
| Biloxi              | absent |     |
| 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 |



Mr. Jeremy Harrison asked if there were any plans to bring in any new vehicles? Mr. John Wilson answered that we had already picked up a new vehicle at the start of this budget year and that we are recycling out the old ones.

Supervisor Marlin Ladner asked if the vehicles we were auctioning are experiencing any mechanical issues with the amount of miles on them? Mr. John Wilson responded that there had been some, but nothing too critical.



Supervisor Dan Cuevas made a motion to approve Auction of Two Vehicles - Approval, seconded by Mr. Jeremy Harrison. A vote resulted in the following:

|                     |        |     |
|---------------------|--------|-----|
| Biloxi              | absent |     |
| 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 Auction of Two Vehicles – Approval is attached hereto as exhibit “F”.

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**E2c. Polymer Bid For February 15, 2025 – Permission to Advertise**

Supervisor Dan Cuevas made a motion to discuss Polymer Bid for February 15, 2025 – Permission to Advertise, seconded by Supervisor Marlin Ladner. A vote resulted in the following:

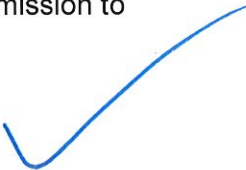
|                     |        |     |
|---------------------|--------|-----|
| Biloxi              | absent |     |
| Gulfport            | voted  | aye |
| D'Iberville         | voted  | aye |
| Long Beach          | voted  | aye |
| Harrison County (1) | voted  | aye |
| Harrison County (2) | voted  | aye |
| Pass Christian      | voted  | aye |



Supervisor Marlin Ladner asked if we were expecting the prices to increase? Mr. John Wilson explained that yes, we are, but hopefully not as big of a jump as we saw on the last contract. Supervisor Ladner then asked how many bidders we were expecting, to which both he and Mr. John Wilson confirmed that there were not that many expected and that the small bidding pool is part of the problem with getting competitive pricing on these contracts.

Supervisor Dan Cuevas made a motion to approve Polymer Bid for February 15, 2025 – Permission to Advertise, seconded by Supervisor Marlin Ladner. A vote resulted in the following:

|                     |        |     |
|---------------------|--------|-----|
| Biloxi              | absent |     |
| 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 Polymer Bid for February 15, 2025 – Permission to Advertise is attached hereto as exhibit “G”.

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E2d. Fiscal Year Ending 9/30/2024 – Audit Engagement Letter - Approval

Supervisor Dan Cuevas made a motion to approve Fiscal Year Ending 9/30/2024 – Audit Engamenet Letter - Approval, seconded by Mr. Jeremy Harrison. 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 Fiscal Year Ending 9/30/2024 – Audit Engagement Letter – Approval is attached hereto as exhibit “F”.

F. Executive Director’s Report

NONE

G. Executive Session

There was no need for Executive Session.

H. Adjourn – At this time Supervisor San Cuevas made a motion to adjourn, 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) | voted | aye |
| Pass Christian      | voted | aye |



The motion to adjourn passed.

  
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