

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
February 6, 2025

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Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on February 6, 2025 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
Ms. Marie Ostrander, Office Manager, HCUA

ABSENT:

AUDIENCE:

Jaclyn Turner, Harrison County

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 February 6, 2025

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated February 6, 2025, seconded by Supervisor Dan Cuevas. A vote resulted in the following:

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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 dated February 6, 2025 is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

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D. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated January 16, 2025

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated January 16, 2025, seconded by Supervisor Dan Cuevas. 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 revised Board Meeting Minutes dated January 16, 2025 is attached hereto as exhibit "D".

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E. Technical Committee Meeting Minutes dated January 29, 2025

The Technical Committee Meeting Minutes dated January 29, 2025 were accepted by the Board for inclusion on the Record.



A copy of the Technical Committee Meeting Minutes dated January 29, 2025 is attached hereto as exhibit "D".

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F. Action Items

1. Old Business

NONE

2. New Business

F2a. Polymer for Belt Press Operations – Approval to Award

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to discuss Polymer for Belt Press Operations – Approval to Award, seconded by Mayor Andrew “Fofo” 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



Mr. John Wilson explained that we had three bidders submit for this contract and Polydyne, who is the current contract holder, was the low bidder and we will be awarding to them.

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve Polymer for Belt Press Operations – Approval to Award, seconded by Mayor Andrew “Fofo” 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 the Polymer for Belt Press Operations – Approval to Award is attached hereto as exhibit “E”.

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F2b. Public Hearing – Lorraine Road Water Improvements – SRF Loan – Approval to Advertise

Mayor Andrew “Fofo” Gilich made a motion to approve Public Hearing – Lorraine Road Water Improvements – SRF Loan – Approval to Advertise, 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



Mr. Jeremy Harrison asked if there is a tie in at the bridge there. Mr. John Wilson answered that we would be tying in at Lorraine Road and Woolmarket Road, and bring it up to Schriners' Blvd., giving the City of Biloxi a system that loops all the way around

The motion passed. A copy of the Public Hearing – Lorraine Road Water Improvements – SRF Loan – Approval to Advertise is attached hereto as exhibit "F".

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F2c. Emergency Declaration for January 24-26, 2025 Snow Storm - Approval

Supervisor Marlin Ladner made a motion to approve Emergency Declaration for January 24-26, 2025 Snow Storm - Approval, seconded by Mayor Andrew "Fofo" 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 the Emergency Declaration for January 24-26, 2025 Snow Storm - Approval is attached hereto as exhibit "G".

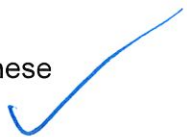
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F2d. H2O Benchmark Retainage - Approval

Mayor Andrew "Fofo" Gilich made a motion to discuss H2O Benchmark Retainage - Approval, 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

Supervisor Marlin Ladner asked about a particular section where H2O was fined due to a failure to keep up with the SCADA system checks. He wanted to know if there was only one incident, or others. Mr. John Wilson answered that this was the one, documented one. Supervisor Ladner also asked how, if there were two MDEQ permit and benchmark violations in 2024, resulting from major equipment failure, but H2O was not fined. Mr. Wilson explained that these equipment failures were due to the equipment being worn out and close to the end of their lifespan, not from neglect or incompetence on behalf of H2O; therefore they are not fined.



Mayor George Bass asked about the Pump Station Grounds Maintenance failure that H2O was fined for. Mr. John Wilson explained that for four to six months this past spring the grounds at our pump stations were not mowed or otherwise kept up in anyway, which does fall under H2O's contractual obligations. Mayor Bass then asked how many pump stations there are, to which Mr. Wilson told him that there are 52 currently, with a couple more coming online soon.

Mayor Andrew "Fofo" Gilich made a motion to approve H2O Benchmark Retainage - Approval, 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 passed. A copy of the H2O Benchmark Retainage - Approval is attached hereto as exhibit "F".

G. Solid Waste Report

1. New Waste Tire Grant

Mr. Alan Lane explained that due to illegal dumping and the improper disposal of tires by smaller auto shops meant that we went through our last Waste Tire Grant much faster than ever before and we had to answer to DEQ before a new grant would be approved. The regional inspector is going to be increasing their inspections and monitoring because we are not the only ones with this problem. Mr. Lane explained that the grant amount is \$51,500.00, with \$1,500.00 of that going towards administrative costs, and the rest goes to reimbursing us for the hiring of a company to provide the waste tire trailers, hauling those trailers to their facility where the tires are properly process and recycled into material that can be used again.

H. Executive Director's Report

Mr. John Wilson wanted the Board to know that he is beginning the process to get a meeting with Waste Management to discuss the excising Solid Waste Disposal contract so that he can begin working the FY26 budget.

I. Executive Session

There was no need for Executive Session

J. Adjourn – At this time Mayor Andrew “Fofo” Gilich made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Dan Cuevas. 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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