HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING May 1, 2025



Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on May 1, 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:

Mayor Billy Hewes, representing the City of Gulfport
Mayor Jimmy Rafferty, City of Pass Christian, Director
Mayor Andrew "Fofo" Gilich, City of Biloxi, Director
Mr. Bernie Parker, Representing the 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. Sam Broom, Staff Engineer, HCUA

Ms. Cindy Breaux, Chief Financial Officer, HCUA

Ms. Marie Ostrander, Office Manager, HCUA

ABSENT:

AUDIENCE:

Sam Williams, Waste Management Charles Head, H2O

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

There being a quorum sufficient to transact business of the Authority, Mr. Bernie Parker, representing The City of Long Beach, called the meeting to order. The following proceedings were had and done.

A. Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

B. Public Comments

Mr. Bernie Parker opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.



C. Approval of the Claims Docket dated May 1, 2025

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated May 1, 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 Claims Docket dated May 1, 2025 is attached hereto as exhibit "B".

D. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated April 17, 2025

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated April 17, 2025, 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 revised Board Meeting Minutes dated April 17, 2025 is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

E. Action Items

1. Old Business

NONE

2. New Business

E2a. North D'Iberville Interceptor - Discussion

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to add to New Business, and discuss the North D'Iberville Interceptor, 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. Al Gombos informed the Board that a problem with a manhole at the N. D'Iberville Interceptor was recently discovered and that the problem involved a possible design flaw and failure that needs to be investigated and may result in a policy change for the Authority regarding material use and construction of future projects to prevent failure.

Mr. Al Gombos would like to see a report and recommendations, and see it brought back before the Board.

F. Executive Director's Report

Mayor Jimmy Rafferty asked where we were with the Forever Chemical and PFAS testing. Mr. John Wilson answered that we were monitoring; the proposed testing limits had been set in the parts for trillion, which water lab testing methods do not reach. We did test our two wells closest to Dupont and there was nothing detected, so until DEQ gives us something, we have nothing to comply to.

Mr. John Wilson also wanted to let the Board know to expect a Draft FY26 Budget at the next Board Meeting.

G. Executive Session

There was no need for Executive Session

H. Adjourn – At this time Mayor Billy Hewes made a motion to adjourn, 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	ave

The motion to adjourn passed.

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