

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
May 15, 2025

Handwritten signature and date: 5/28/25

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on May 15, 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. Wayne Miller, representing the City of Gulfport
Mayor Jimmy Rafferty, City of Pass Christian, Director
Mr. Mike Leonard, representing the City of Biloxi
Mr. Bernie Parker, representing the City of Long Beach
Supervisor Marlin Ladner, Harrison County (1), Director
Supervisor Dan Cuevas, Harrison County (2), Director
Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter, Attorneys and Esquire
Mr. John Wilson, Executive Director, HCUA
Ms. Cindy Breaux, Chief Financial Officer, HCUA
Mr. Alan Lane, Solid Waste Manager, HCUA
Mr. Sam Broom, Staff Engineer, HCUA
Ms. Marie Ostrander, Office Manager, HCUA

VIA TELECOM:

Mr. Al Gombos, representing the City of D'Iberville

ABSENT:

None

AUDIENCE:

Tori Martinez, The Focus Group
Charles Head, H2O Innovation
Jaclyn Turner, Harrison County
Shea McGee, Waste Management
Damon Torricelli, Neel-Shaffer

Letters of Designations 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

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A. Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance
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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 15, 2025

Supervisor Dan Cuevas made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated May 15, 2025, 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 Claims Docket dated May 15, 2025 is attached hereto as exhibit "B".

D. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated May 1, 2025

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes 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 Board Meeting Minutes dated May 1, 2025, is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

E. Financial Report

Ms. Cindy Breau reported we would be setting up meetings with each Member to review the Draft Budget.

No action required. The Board accepted the April 2025 Financial Report

A copy of the Financial Report for April 2025 is attached hereto as exhibit "D".

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F. Marketing Report

Ms. Tori Martinez of The Focus Group presented the Facebook and website stats. There was a 96% increase in organic social media impressions; 300 post reactions and 5,000 engagements. There were over 7,000 video views. There was also a 101% increase in website traffic, with the most visited page being news.

No action taken. The Board accepted the April 2025 Marketing Report as submitted by The Focus Group.

A copy of the April 2025 Marketing Report is attached hereto as exhibit "E".

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G. Action Items

1. Old Business

None

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2. New Business

G2a. FY26 Budget – First Draft - Review

Mr. John Wilson presented the FY26 Draft Budget to the Board for their review and input. We will be setting up meetings with each Member to further discuss.

No Action was taken A copy of the FY26 Budget – First Draft - Review, is attached hereto as exhibit "F".

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G2b. FY26 Budget – House Count - Approval

Supervisor Marlin Ladner made a motion for approval of FY26 Budget – House Count - Approval, seconded by Supervisor Dan Cuevas. A vote resulted in the following:

Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	abstained	
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 asked about establishing a number for Solid Waste disposal before we entered negotiations for the extension with Waste Management. Mr. John Wilson confirmed that we began negotiations back in February.

The motion was tabled. A copy of the FY26 Budget – House Count - Approval is attached hereto as exhibit “G”.

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G2c. South Gulfport WWTP – Headworks (Grit Chamber) – 36” Pipe Leak – Emergency Declaration – May 8, 2025

Mr. Wayne Miller made a motion for approval of South Gulfport WWTP – Headworks (grit Chamber) – 36” Pipe Leak – Emergency Declaration – May 8, 2025, seconded by Mayor Jimmy Rafferty. 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 the repair costs for this, Mr. John Wilson told him that we don’t have a cost yet, but we are estimating \$400,000.00 to \$500,000.00

The motion was approved. A copy of the South Gulfport WWTP – Headworks (Grit Chamber) – 36” Pipe Leak – Emergency Declaration – May 8, 2025, is attached hereto as exhibit “H”.

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G2d. North D’Iberville Interceptor & Policy

Mr. Al Gombos asked about the North D’Iberville Interceptor manhole failure and potential policy issue, which he had added to the May 1, 2025 Board Agenda, and had requested be on subsequent Board Meeting Agendas until the issue could be resolved. This item was not on the May 15, 2025 Agenda and Mr. Gombos wanted to know why. Mr. John Wilson referenced an email which he sent to Mr. Al Gombos earlier in the week where he explained that he would be adding the item to an upcoming Agenda where it could be properly addressed and resolved. Mr. Al Gombos objected to this and reiterated that he believed this is too great of an issue not to be followed up on every Board Meeting until a solution and policy is in place.

Supervisor Dan Cuevas made a motion to add Manhole Repair & Policy to this agenda, and subsequent agendas, until resolved, 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 was approved. There were no documents.

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H. Solid Waste

1. Solid Waste Report

No action taken. A copy of the Solid Waste Report is attached hereto as exhibit "I".

I. Executive Director's Report

There was nothing to report.

J. Executive Session

There was no need for Executive Session.

K. Adjourn – At this time Supervisor Dan Cuevas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Marlin Ladner. A vote resulted in the following:

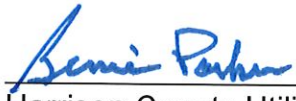
Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	aye
D'Iberville	voted	aye
Long Beach	voted	aye
Harrison County (1)	voted	aye
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye



The motion to adjourn passed.



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