

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
July 17, 2025 – Amended

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on July 17, 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 Hugh Keating, City of Gulfport, Director  
Mr. Rick Weaver, representing the City of Biloxi  
Mr. Donald Frazer, representing the City of Long Beach  
Mr. Al Gombos, representing the City of D'Iberville  
Supervisor Marlin Ladner, Harrison County (1), Director  
Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter, Attorneys and Esquire  
Mr. John Wilson, Executive Director, HCUA  
Ms. Cindy Breaux, CFO, HCUA  
Mr. Alan Lane, Solid Waste Manager, HCUA  
Mr. Sam Broom, Staff Engineer, HCUA  
Ms. Marie Ostrander, Office Manager, HCUA

ABSENT:

Mayor Kenny Torgeson, City of Pass Christian, Director  
Supervisor Dan Cuevas, Harrison County (2), Director

AUDIENCE:

Kim Benchley, Pelican Waste  
Tommy Thibodeaux, Pelican Waste  
Shea Magee, Waste Management  
Dereck Bullock, Rackley Engineering  
Doug Rackley, Rackley Engineering  
Charles Head, H2O Innovation  
Joe Culpepper, H2O Innovation  
Tori Martinez, The Focus Group  
Wayne Miller, City of Gulfport  
Malcolm Jones, Bay Point

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

There being a quorum sufficient to transact business of the Authority, Donald Frazer 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. Election of Officers**

The new officers for the July 2025 – June 2026 Session are as follows:

1. City of D'Iberville's Director will be the Authority's President, Mayor Russell Quave
2. City of Gulfport's Director will be the Authority's Vice-President, Mayor Hugh Keating
3. City of Biloxi's Director will be the Authority's Secretary, Mayor Andrew "Fofo" Gilich

Mr. Donald Frazer made a motion to approve the Installation of Officers as presented, 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)	absent	
Pass Christian	absent	

The motion passed. A copy of the Election of Officers is attached hereto as exhibit "B".

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**C. Public Comments**

Mr. Al Gombos opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.

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**D. Approval of the Claims Docket dated July 17, 2025**

Supervisor Marlin Ladner made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated July 17, 2025, seconded by Mr. Donald Frazer. 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)	absent	
Pass Christian	absent	

The motion passed. A copy of the Claims Docket dated July 17, 2025 is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

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**E. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated June 19, 2025**

Mr. Donald Frazer made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated June 19, 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)	absent	
Pass Christian	<b>absent</b>	

The motion passed. A copy of Board Meeting Minutes dated June 19, 2025, is attached hereto as exhibit "D".

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**F. Financial Report**

Ms. Cindy Breaux noted that in the report there is a shift in funds between the Parity Obligation fund and the Debt Service fund, which is for a July 1 Bond payment. Mr. John Wilson noted that Harrison County, D'Iberville, and Long Beach will have their Bond debt paid off in 2030, while Gulfport and Biloxi will be paid off in 2040. Mayor Keating asked for clarification as to why Gulfport wouldn't be paid off until 2040. Mr. John Wilson explained that when the Bonds were refinanced in 2020 Biloxi and Gulfport decided, since they had the larger share of the Bond debt, to push their repayment off till 2040 so that they could keep their payments lower.

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

A copy of the Financial Report for June 2025 is attached hereto as exhibit "E".

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**G. Marketing Report**

Ms. Tori Martinez of The Focus Group presented the Facebook and website stats. There was a 868% increase in Engagement on our Facebook page with a 63% increase in post likes and over 263% increase in video views from a year ago. Our Website engagement is also up, there were 2,300 impressions and our "Bill/Payment" section the most visited. The third "Ride A-long" video will be up on the sites by the end of August.

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

A copy of the June 2025 Marketing Report is attached hereto as exhibit "F".



**H. Action Items**

**1. Old Business**

**H1a. N. D'Iberville Pump Station & Manhole – Discussion**

Mr. John Wilson reported that we have done an assessment on and cataloged all of our receiving manholes, and they have been entered into our Asset Management Reports. There were a few problems that we found and are currently addressing and repairing. An annual inspection of all of our Receiving Manholes has been added to the list of inspections and assessments that we already perform.

No action taken. A Copy of the N. D'Iberville Pump Station & Manhole is attached here as attachment "G".



**2. New Business**

**H2a. Delisle WWTP – Influent P/S Pipe Leak - Emergency Declaration – 6/22/2025**

Supervisor Marlin Ladner made a motion to approve the Delisle WWTP – Influent P/S Pipe Leak – Emergency Declaration, seconded by Mr. Donald Frazer. 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)	absent	
Pass Christian	<b>absent</b>	

Mr. John Wilson explained that this is a pump station within the Wastewater treatment plant and this was a bypass event that did put sewer on the ground. Supervisor Marlin Ladner asked if the leak was caused by the increased flow from the nearby Buccee's that opened up. Mr. Wilson explained that it was that combined with the weather, increased rainfall, that caused it; this was an inevitable thing but flow and weather sped it up. Supervisor Ladner then asked if the pipe size was insufficient, Mr. Wilson explained that no, the plant itself was designed for much higher flow. The leak is not yet fixed, they are waiting on a part, but the station is on by-pass and there is no more sewer going on the ground.

The motion passed. A copy of the Delisle WWTP – Influent P/S Pipe Leak – Emergency Declaration, is attached hereto as exhibit “H”.

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**H2b. West Railroad P/S Pipe Leak – Emergency Declaration – 7/3/2025**

Mr. Donald Frazer made a motion to approve the West Railroad P/S Pipe Leak – Emergency Declaration – 7/3/2025, 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)	absent	
Pass Christian	absent	

Mr. John Wilson explained that there was a leak under the ground, it was repaired quickly and cost \$12,000.

The motion passed. A copy of the West Railroad P/S Pipe Leak – Emergency Declaration – 7/3/2025 is attached hereto as exhibit “I”.

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**H2c. FY26 Budget – 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft – Public Hearing – Permission to Advertise**

Mr. Donald Frazer made a motion to approve FY26 Budget – 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft – Public Hearing – Permission to Advertise, seconded by Supervisor Marlin Ladner. A vote resulted in the following:

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

The motion passed. A copy of the FY26 Budget – 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft – Public Hearing – Permission to Advertise, is attached hereto as exhibit “J”.

**H2d. Bay Point Development – Henderson Point – Jurisdiction - Approval**

Mr. Donald Frazer made a motion to approve Bay Point Development – Henderson Point – Jurisdiction – Approval with HCUA providing sewer service and Pass Christian providing water service, seconded by Mr. Rick Weaver. 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)	absent	
Pass Christian	<b>absent</b>	

Supervisor Marlin Ladner asked for clarification as to whether the proposed development was within a certificated area, Mr. John Wilson answered that it was not. Mr. Malcom Jones, representing the developers, stated that the City of Pass Christian had already issued a Will Serve letter to them.

The motion passed. A copy of the Bay Point Development – Henderson Point – Jurisdiction – Approval, is attached hereto as exhibit “K”.

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**H2e. Waste Management Disposal Contracts – Pecan Grove, Firetower, Coastal Recyclers**

Mr. John Wilson explained that he has had discussions with Waste Management but has reached a point where no progress is being made, so he is suggesting that the Board Members get involved and establish a committee be formed and we get this to a conclusion. Mr. Al Gombos recommended that Supervisor Marlin Ladner be included on this committee, along with Mayor Tim Peirce from Long Beach.

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to establish a committee to further discuss the Waste Management Disposal Contracts – Pecan Grove, Firetower, Coastal Recyclers, seconded by Mr. Donald Frazer 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)	absent	
Pass Christian	<b>absent</b>	

The motion passed. A copy of the Waste Management Disposal Contracts – Pecan Grove, Firetower, Coastal Recyclers, is attached hereto as exhibit “L”.

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**I. Solid Waste**

**I1. Solid Waste Report**

Mr. Alan Lane reported that last month’s recycling rate was 43.06%.

Mr. Rick Weaver reported that the City of Biloxi had received complaints from residents that trash was flying out of the trucks after they picked up carts and were driving down the street. Mr. Shea Magee of Waste management responded that he would talk to the drivers about making sure the lids on the trucks were closed and secured.

No action taken. A copy of the Solid Waste Report is attached hereto as exhibit “M”.

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**I2. Solid Waste Collection Fines – Approval**

There were no fines assessed for the previous 2 quarters.

Mr. Donald Frazer made a motion to approve the Solid Waste Collection Fines - Approval, seconded by Mr. Rick Weaver. 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)	absent	
Pass Christian	<b>absent</b>	

The motion passed. A copy of the Solid Waste Collection Fines - Approval, is attached hereto as exhibit “N”.

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**J. Executive Director’s Report**

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**K. Executive Session**

There was no need for Executive Session.

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L. **Adjourn** – At this time Supervisor Marlin Ladner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Rick Weaver. 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)	absent	
Pass Christian	<b>absent</b>	

The motion to adjourn passed.

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