

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
July 18, 2024

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on July 18, 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. Wayne Miller, Representing City of Gulfport
Mayor Jimmy Rafferty, City of Pass Christian, Director
Mayor Andrew "Fofa" Gilich, City of Biloxi, Director
Mayor George Bass, City of Long Beach, Director
Mr. Al Gombos, Representing the City of D'Iberville
Ms. Jaclyn Turner, Representing Harrison County (2)
Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter, Attorneys and Esquire
Ms. Cindy Breau, Chief Financial Officer, HCUA,
Mr. Alan Lane, Solid Waste Manager, HCUA
Mr. Sam Broom, Engineering Construction Manager, HCUA
Ms. Marie Ostrander, Office Manager, HCUA

ABSENT:

Supervisor Marlin Ladner, Harrison County (1), Director
Mr. John Wilson, Executive Director, HCUA

AUDIENCE:

Toni Martinez, The Focus Group
Kevin McCumby, H2O Innovation
Jamie Barnovich, Cypress E&I
Shea Magee, Waste Management

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

There being a quorum sufficient to transact business of the Authority, Mayor Jimmy Rafferty, representing The City of Pass Christian, 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 2024 – June 2025 Session are as follows:

1. City of Long Beach's Director will be the Authority's President, Mayor George Bass
2. City of D'Iberville's Director will be the Authority's Vice-President, Mayor Russell Quave
3. City of Gulfport's Director will be the Authority's Secretary, Mayor Billy Hewes

Mayor Anrew "Fofu" Gilich made a motion to approve the Installation of Officers as presented, seconded by Mr. Al Gombos. A vote resulted in the following:

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

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

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The Board Meeting continued with new HCUA Board President, Mayor George Bass.

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C. Public Comments

Mayor George Bass opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.

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D. Approval of the Claims Docket dated July 18, 2024

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated July 18, 2024, seconded by Mayor Andrew "Fofu" Gilich. A vote resulted in the following:

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

The motion passed. A copy of the Claims Docket is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

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E. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated June 20, 2024

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated June 20, 2024, seconded by Mayor Andrew "Fofu" Gilich. A vote resulted in the following:

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

The motion passed. A copy of Board Meeting Minutes dated June 20, 2024, is attached hereto as exhibit "D".

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F. Financial Report

No action required. The Board accepted the June 2024 Financial Report.

A copy of the Financial Report for June 2024 is attached hereto as exhibit "E".

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G. Marketing Report

Ms. Toni Martinez of the Focus Group presented the Facebook and website stats. There was an increase of 1600% in organic Facebook traffic impressions. There was also an increase in traffic on our website, with the most popular page being the Recycling page.

Mayor George Bass asked about a Facebook comment asking about a Recycling drop off location for residents, particularly those who live in apartments or condos. Mr. Alan Lane explained that because those apartment complexes and condos are privately owned it is up to them to decide if they offer their residents recycling or not. And if a drop off location was established, it would have to be manned otherwise it would just become a trash drop off. AP Recycling is available for the public to drop off cardboard.

Mayor George Bass then asked how the videos featuring Waste Management were going since we had had such a good response to the first one. Ms. Toni Martinez told the Board that the second video in the series was in the editing process and would be released next month.

No action taken. The Board accepted the June 2024 Marketing Report as submitted by The Focus Group.

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

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H. Action Items

1. Old Business

NONE

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2. New Business

H2a. FY25 Budget V.3.0 – Approval to Advertise for August 1, 2024 Public Meeting

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve Approval to Advertise for August 1, 2024 Public Meeting, seconded by Mayor Andrew “Fofa” Gilich. A vote resulted in the following:

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

The motion passed. A copy of the Approval to Advertise for August 1, 2024 Public Meeting is attached hereto as exhibit “G”.

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H2b. Johnson Road PS – 350kW Generator & Transfer Switch – Approval for Final Payment

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve Johnson Road PS – 350kW Generator & Transfer Switch – Approval for Final Payment, seconded by Mayor Andrew “Fofa” Gilich. A vote resulted in the following:

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

The motion passed. A copy of the Johnson Road PS – 350kW Generator & Transfer Switch – Approval for Final Payment is attached hereto as exhibit “H”.

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H2c. AGJ Revised Agreement 2024 – Approval

Mayor Andrew “Fofu” Gilich made a motion to discuss AGJ Revised Agreement 2024 – Approval, seconded by Mr. Al Gombos. A Roll Call vote resulted in the following:

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

Mr. Jim Simpson brought to the Board’s attention an automatic 3-year renewal in the contract and that the Board, generally, approves a term, and then it is up to the Board to renew or not after that initial term, not just automatically. He suggested that the 3-year automatic renewal be struck from the contract.

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve AGJ Revised Agreement 2024 – Approval, with the 3 Year Automatic Renewal struck from the Contract, seconded by Mayor Andrew “Fofu” Gilich. A Roll Call vote resulted in the following:

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

The motion passed. A copy of the AGJ Revised Agreement 2024 – Approval is attached hereto as exhibit “I”.

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H2d. Big John/Lamey Bridge Road Water Tower – AT&T Structure Lease Agreement

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to table Big John/Lamey Bridge Road Water Tower – AT&T Structure Lease Agreement, seconded by Mr. Wayne Miller. A Roll Call vote resulted in the following:

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

Mr. Al Gombos wants the Authority to first have a Policy on record regarding the leasing of space on any of our properties, including towers, before we sign any lease with a company or provider. There should be a firm policy in place to prevent one carrier or company from leasing the entire space and then renting it out to carriers themselves.

The motion passed. A copy of the Big John/Lamey Bridge Road Water Tower – AT&T Structure Lease Agreement is attached hereto as exhibit “J”.

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I. Solid Waste Report

Mr. Alan Lane reported that the recycling participation rate is at 42.98%.

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

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J. Executive Director’s Report

Mr. Al Gombos asked that the numbers on a Will-Serve letter HCUA issued for a developer be changed as it listed the MGD for the N/ D’Iberville WWTF as 1.5 when it should be 2.0.

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K. Executive Session

There was no need for Executive Session.

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L. Adjourn – At this time Mayor Andrew “Fofu” Gilich made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Jaclyn Turner. A vote resulted in the following:

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

The motion to adjourn passed.

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Al Gombos

From: Sam Broom <sbroom@hcua-ms.us>
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 8:55 AM
To: Al Gombos
Subject: North D'Iberville WWTP Permitted Flow

Al,

The sheet that you had in the board meeting stating 2.0 MGD is the correct permitted effluent flow. I will correct the permitted flow in my records.

My apologies for the mistake.

Thanks!

Sam Broom, P.E.
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