

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
August 21, 2025

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on August 21, 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
Mayor Andrew "Fofa" Gilich, City of Biloxi, Director
Mayor Tim Pierce, the City of Long Beach, Director
Mayor Kenny Torgeson, City of Pass Christian, Director
Mr. Al Gombos, representing the City of D'Iberville
Ms. Jaclyn Turner, representing Harrison County
Mr. Reed Bryant, representing Harrison County
Mr. John Wilson, Executive Director, HCUA
Mr. Alan Lane, Solid Waste Manager, HCUA
Mr. Sam Broom, Staff Engineer, HCUA
Ms. Marie Ostrander, Office Manager, HCUA

ABSENT:

Supervisor Marlin Ladner, Harrison County (1), Director
Supervisor Dan Cuevas, Harrison County (2), Director
Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter, Attorneys and Esquire

AUDIENCE:

Lisa Varhovshek, Wise Carter, Attorneys & Esquire
Shea Magee, Waste Management
Danielle Lane, Pelican Waste
Charles Head, H2O Innovation
Garrett Reeder, H2O Innovation
Bobby Knesal, H2O Innovation
Tori Martinez, The Focus Group
Jena Case, The Focus Group

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

There being a quorum sufficient to transact business of the Authority, Al Gombos, representing The City of D'Iberville, 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. Al Gombos opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.

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C. Approval of the Claims Docket dated August 21, 2025

Mayor Andrew "Fofo" Gilich made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated August 21, 2025, seconded by Mayor Tim Pierce. 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 August 21, 2025 is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

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D. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated August 7, 2025

Mayor Andrew "Fofo" Gilich made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated August 7, 2025 seconded by Mayor Tim Pierce. 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 August 7, 2025, is attached hereto as exhibit "D".

E. Financial Report

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

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

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F. Marketing Report

Ms. Tori Martinez of The Focus Group presented the Facebook and website stats. There was a 137% increase in Engagement on our Facebook page with a 74% increase in post likes and impressions. Our Website engagement is also up, and the most visited section of our page was the Bill Payment tab.

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

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

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G. Action Items

1. Old Business

NONE

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2. New Business

G2a. Monopole Policy - Approval

Mayor Andrew "Fofu" Gilich made a motion to discuss the Monopole Policy – Approval, seconded by Mayor Hugh Keating. 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 began by explaining that he could not support this policy or plan to place cellular antennas on Authority property because he did not see a need for the Authority to break away

from its original, intended purpose to handle Water, Wastewater, and Solid Waste services in Harrison County. Mr. Gombos sees this as being something that would take time and energy away from the work Authority employees are meant to do. He then brought up that, just recently, there had been some issues arise, specifically the lack of attention paid to the N. D'Iberville Pump Station and Manhole which resulted in D'Iberville having to delay projects they had going while the Authority made critical repairs, and that this proves that Authority time and resources are already being stretched thin and therefore do not need to be focused on cellular antennas, and the like. Mr. Gombos believes that the cities and county are more than capable, if not more capable, of handling something like this.

Mayor Andrew "Fofo" Gilich added that he agrees that the Authority should stay focused on our Mission and delivery of Water, Wastewater, and Solid Waste Services to the people of Harrison County. Ms. Jaclyn Turner pointed out that while she may agree with keeping the Authority's primary focus on the Mission, leasing out space at our facilities or on our properties for these antennas requires very little management from Authority staff. It is a lease situation and the Authority is not the one having to construct, maintain, monitor, and ultimately, disassemble these poles or antennas. It is a funding opportunity for the Authority, which then alleviates the issues that arise when wanting to construct them in a residential backyard or in the middle of a neighborhood. For very little work on the part of Authority employees we get revenue, which then benefits all of the Member agencies, and save ourselves from zoning and planning issues in the future.

Mayor Hugh Keating then asked how much revenue these towers could bring in. Mr. John Wilson answered that the lease would start at \$2,000.00 a month and then increase for every additional antenna added. Mayor Andrew "Fofo" Gilich asked about a fee for volume of service, where the Authority would receive a piece of whatever the company is making off that monopole or antenna each month, as something we should look into so that we are seeing a bigger revenue.

Both Mayor Tim Pierce and Mayor Kenny Torgeson brought up their previous experiences with these types of towers and leasing arrangements as a very low maintenance, low effort source of revenue for a property owner.

Mayor Hugh Keating asked about the sublease agreement in these leases and whether that was clearly laid out in this policy. Mr. John Wilson said that it was in the policy, but if there was specific language regarding the sublease, or anything else relating the policy, they wanted included to let him know and we would make sure of that. He reiterated that this is a policy to create the opportunity and that all future leases or subleases or contracts would be brought before the Board for approval. Mayor Keating suggested that Jim Simpson take a look at the policy so that some of the language can be modified and clarified.

Mayor Tim Pierce made a substitute motion to have the attorneys review and update the Monopole Policy, seconded by Mr. Reed Bryant. 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 Monopole Policy – Approval, is attached hereto as exhibit “H”.

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G2b. Waste Management MSW and C&D Disposal Contract – First Five Year Extension: Rates & Terms - Approval

Mayor Tim Pierce made a motion to approve the Waste Management MSW and C&D Disposal Contract – First Five Year Extension: Rates & Terms – Approval, 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)	voted	aye
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed. A copy of the Waste Management MSW and C&D Disposal Contract – First Five Year Extension: Rates & Terms – Approval is attached hereto as exhibit “I”.

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H. Solid Waste

I1. Solid Waste Report

Mr. Alan Lane reported that last month’s recycling rate was 43.10%.

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

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I. Executive Director’s Report

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J. Executive Session

There was no need for Executive Session.

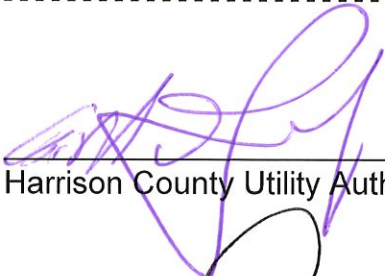
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K. Adjourn – At this time Mayor Tim Pierce made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Andrew “Fofo” Gilich. A vote resulted in the following:

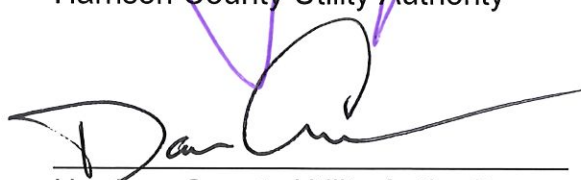
Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	aye
D’Iberville	voted	aye
Long Beach	voted	aye
Harrison County (1)	voted	aye
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion to adjourn passed.

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