

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
February 15, 2024

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Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on February 15, 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:

Mayor Billy Hewes, City of Gulfport, Director
Mayor Jimmy Rafferty, City of Pass Christian, Director
Mayor Andrew "Fofu" Gilich, City of Biloxi, Director
Mayor George Bass, City of Long Beach, Director
Mr. Al Gombos, representing the City of D'Iberville
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, Engineering Construction Manager, HCUA
Ms. Marie Ostrander, Office Manager, HCUA
Mr. Bart Clover, IT Specialist, HCUA

ABSENT:

Supervisor Marlin Ladner, Harrison County (1), Director

AUDIENCE:

Ethan Schneider, The Focus Group
Kevin McCumby, H2O Innovation
John Dellinger, Bottom 2 Top
Makayla Roberts, Pelican Waste
Shea Magee, Waste Management

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

There being a quorum sufficient to transact business of the Authority, Mayor James "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. Public Comments

Mayor James "Jimmy" Rafferty opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.

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C. Approval of the Claims Docket dated February 15, 2024

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated February 15, 2024, 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

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

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D. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated February 1, 2024

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated February 1, 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)	voted	aye
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed. A copy of Board Meeting Minutes dated February 1, 2024, is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

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E. Financial Report

No action required. A copy of the Financial Report for January 2024 is attached hereto as exhibit "E".

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F. Marketing Report

Mr. Ethan Schneider of the Focus Group presented the Facebook stats. There was an increase in ad-spend at the start of the New Year in an attempt to get the name out there; this saw a 78% increase in Facebook reach, 52% increase in people clicking on the link from the Facebook page to our website. The cost per click went up \$.02 to \$.19. There was also a 20% increase in traffic on our website, with an %18 increase in new users.

No action taken. The Board accepted the Marketing Report as submitted by The Focus Group. A copy of the Marketing Report is attached hereto as exhibit "F".

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G. Action Items

1. Old Business

a. Emergency & Minor Construction Services Contract

Mayor George Bass made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the Emergency & Minor Construction Services Contract, this was seconded by Mayor Andrew "Fofu" Gilich.

Mr. Jim Simpson explained that this would be to close the meeting so that the Board could go back and discuss the needs and make a determination as to the need for an Executive Session

The Board then went into closed discussion.

When they returned Mr. Jim Simpson wanted it put on the record that the Board discussed some specific personnel issues and there was no action taken.

Mayor George Bass made a motion to come out of Closed Session, this was seconded by Mayor Jimmy Rafferty, no action was taken.

Mayor George Bass made a motion to further table the Emergency & Minor Construction Services Contract on account of Supervisor Marlin Ladner's absence; this was seconded by Mayor Andrew "Fofo" Gilich.

2. New Business

NONE

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H. Solid Waste Report

Mr. Alan Lane explained that the recycling participation rate is at 43.5%.

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

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I. Executive Director's Report

There was nothing to 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 Andrew "Fofo" Gilich made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mayor George Bass. 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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