

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
June 6, 2024

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on June 6, 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 Andre "Fofu" 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 (1)
Supervisor Dan Cuevas, Harrison County (2), Director
Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter, Attorneys and Esquire
Mr. John Wilson, Executive Director, HCUA
Mr. Alan Lane, Solid Waste Manager, HCUA
Mr. Sam Broom, Engineering Construction Manager, HCUA
Mr. David Perkins, O&M Manager, HCUA
Ms. Cindy Breaux, Chief Financial Officer, HCUA
Ms. Marie Ostrander, Office Manager, HCUA
Ms. Bridget Payton-Boone, Administrative Assistant, HCUA

ABSENT:

AUDIENCE:

Greg Cullom, HUB International
Sam Williams, Waste Management
Bernie Parker, City of Long Beach
Jamie Barnovich, Cypress

Letters of Designations 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. Public Comments

Mayor Jimmy Rafferty opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.

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C. Approval of the Claims Docket dated June 6, 2024

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated June 6, 2024, 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 passed. A copy of the Claims Docket dated June 6, 2024 is attached hereto as exhibit "B".

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D. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated May 16, 2024

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated May 16, 2024, 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)	abstain	
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed. A copy of Board Meeting Minutes dated May 16, 2024 is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

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E. Action Items

1. Old Business

NONE

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2. New Business

E2a. FY25 Budget – Water Allocation

Mr. Al Gombos, made a motion to approve FY25 Budget – Water Allocation, 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 passed. A copy of FY25 Budget – Water Allocation is attached hereto as exhibit "D".

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E2b. FY 24-26 Audit Services RFP – Approval to Advertise

Mr. Al Gombos, made a motion to approve FY 24-26 Audit Services RFP – Approval to Advertise, 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 FY 24-26 Audit Services RFP – Approval to Advertise is attached hereto as exhibit "E".

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E2c. HCUA Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal

Mayor Billy Hewes made a motion to approve HCUA Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal, 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 passed. A copy of the HCUA Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal is attached hereto as exhibit "F".

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E2d. FY25 Budget – Preliminary Draft

Mr. John Wilson explained that there were two versions of the draft budget, one version which is straight, one including two additional options, the 1/9th Program that would involve purchasing 1/9th of the number of larger recycling carts each year of the remaining Solid Waste contract until all residents had new, larger recycling carts (35 gal. to 65 gallon). With this plan 1/9th of the residents would receive new carts each year. All residents would be subject to a \$0.61 rate increase per month to help pay for the new carts. The Board questioned if it would ultimately be problematic to have only some of the residents receive the larger recycling carts each year while others have to wait. They also had concerns about the \$0.61 rate increase. Mr. Wilson reminded them that this was only a draft budget and for their consideration.

The second option on the table for consideration is contracting out locates to H2O instead of HCUA employees being responsible for them. Ms. Jaclyn Turner asked about accountability and responsibility in the event that a line is marked incorrectly or not marked entirely and is then damaged by a contractor, that those costs should fall on who ever was responsible for locating the line, not HCUA. Mr. John Wilson explained that would be outlined as part of the arrangement.

No motion taken. A copy of the FY25 Budget – Preliminary Draft is attached hereto as exhibit "G".

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F. Executive Director's Report

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G. Executive Session

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I. Adjourn – At this time Mayor George Bass made a motion to adjourn, 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 to adjourn passed.

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