

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
August 15, 2024

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

- Mr. Wayne Miller, Representing the 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
- Supervisor Marlin Ladner, Harrison County (1), Director
- Supervisor Dan Cuevas, Harrison County (2), Director
- Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter, Attorneys and Esquire
- Mr. John Wilson, Executive Director, HCUA
- 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
- Ms. Bridget Payton-Boone, Administrative Assistant, HCUA

ABSENT:

AUDIENCE:

- Tori Martinez, The Focus Group
- Jenna Case, The Focus Group
- Kevin McCumby, H2O Innovation
- Jaclyn Turner, Harrison County
- 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 George Bass, 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. Public Comments

Mayor George Bass opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.

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

There was an Addendum to the Claims Docket for payment to Card Services, for our procurement cards (\$3,711.62) which needed to be paid.

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated August 15, 2024, with the Addendum, seconded by Mr. Wayne Miller. 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 August 1, 2024

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated August 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	abstained	

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

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E. Financial Report

Mr. Al Gombos asked why the City of D'Iberville was already at 94% of their annual budget. Ms. Cindy Breaux and Mr. John Wilson explained that there had been several repairs that had to be made, an increase in chemical prices, and as we near the end of the Fiscal Year the plants start stocking up on supplies and doing repairs.

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

A copy of the Financial Report for July 2024 is attached hereto as exhibit "D".

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F. Marketing Report

Ms. Tori Martinez of the Focus Group presented the Facebook and website stats. There was an increase of 511% in organic Facebook traffic impressions. There was also an increase in traffic on our website, with the most popular page being the Recycling page.

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

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

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G. Action Items

1. Old Business

NONE

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2. New Business

G2a. FY 24-26 Audit Services – Recommendation to Award

Mayor Jimmy Rafferty made a motion to discuss FY 24-26 Audit Service – Recommendation to Award, 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

Supervisor Marlin Ladner wanted clarification and confirmation that anyone involved in previous' year's audits would not be involved in future audits. Ms. Cindy Breaux that in the three years Wolfe has done our audit we have not had the same Staff Auditor. Mr. John Wilson suggested that we approve this recommendation and then track and insist on different staffing for each year's audit.

Mayor Andrew "Fofu" Gilich made a motion to approve FY 24-26 Audit Service – Recommendation to Award, 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 FY 24-26 Audit Service – Recommendation to Award is attached hereto as exhibit "F".

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G2b. Sutter Water Services – Service Agreement

Mayor Jimmy Rafferty made a motion to discuss Sutter Water Services – Service Agreement, 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

Mr. Al Gombos asked that Mr. John Wilson include a memo stating his recommendation to approve this service agreement, he also asked if there were any stipulations in the Agreement regarding the limitation on water consumption by Sutter. Mr. Jim Simpron said that no, there were no stipulations, and Mr. John Wilson explained that there are no capacity issues where Sutter Services is concerned. Mr. Al Gobos then asked what if someone like a Gulfport needed all of the available water, is HCUA obligated to provide water to Sutter Services? Mr. Jim Simpson explained that we were under no obligation to provide within this contract.

Supervisor Marlin Ladner then asked if HCUA has any other Private Certificated areas that we have similar agreements with. Mr. John Wilson told him that yes, we do, West Harrison Water & Sewer District, and East Central Harrison County Utility District, and that we have discussed options with Great River Utilities and some other smaller systems. Supervisor Ladner then asked what rate Sutter Services was being charged, Mr. Wilson told him that they pay \$2.30/thousand gallons, which is more than West Harrison or ECHPUD, who receive the same "member" rate that the Cities and County pay (\$1.25/thousand gallons).

Mayor Jimmy Rafferty made a motion to approve Sutter Water Services – Service Agreement, 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 the Sutter Water Services – Service Agreement is attached hereto as exhibit “G”.

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H. Executive Director’s Report

Mr. John Wilson reported that we are in the process of developing a policy regarding the installation on and leasing of HCUA water towers for cellular antennas, and to expect that policy and a contract regarding cellular antenna leasing at the Big John Tank at the next Board Meeting.

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I. Executive Session

There was no need for Executive Session.

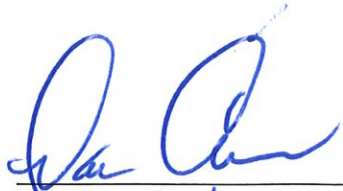
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J. Adjourn – At this time Mayor George Bass made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Dan Cuevas. A vote resulted in the following:

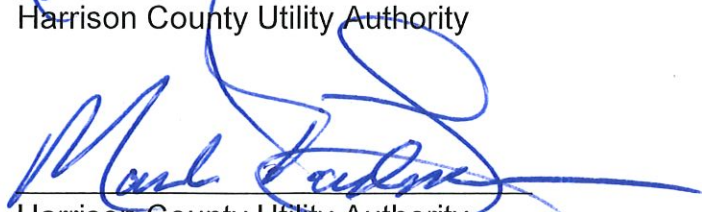
Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	aye
D’Iberville	voted	aye
Long Beach	voted	aye
Harrison County (1)	voted	aye
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion to adjourn passed.

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