

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
September 19, 2024

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Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on September 19, 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 Andrew "Fof" Gilich, City of Biloxi, Director
- Mr. Bernie Parker, Representing the City of Long Beach
- Mr. Al Gombos, Representing the City of D'Iberville
- Supervisor Marlin Ladner, Harrison County (1), Director
- Supervisor Dan Cuevas, Representing 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
- Ms. Bridget Boone, Administrative Assistant, HCUA

**VIA TELECOM:**

- Mayor Jimmy Rafferty, City of Pass Christian, Director

**ABSENT:**

NONE

**AUDIENCE:**

- Jena Case, The Focus Group
- Charles Head, H2O Innovation
- Bobby Knesal, H2O Innovation
- Shea Magee, Waste Management

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

There being a quorum sufficient to transact business of the Authority, Mr. Bernie Parker, 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**

Mr. Bernie Parker opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.

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**C. Approval of the Claims Docket dated September 19, 2024**

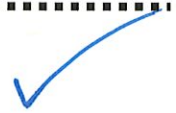


Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated September 19, 2024, seconded by Mayor Andrew "Fofu" Gilich. A vote resulted in the following:

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 the Claims Docket dated September 19, 2024 is attached hereto as exhibit "B".

**D. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated September 5, 2024**



Mayor Andrew "Fofu" Gilich made a motion to discuss the Board Meeting Minutes dated September 5, 2024, 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

Mr. John Wilson pointed out that Supervisor Dan Cuevas was, in fact, absent from the September 5, 2024 meeting and therefore the minutes need to be revised to reflect that *Harrison County (2)* did not have a vote.

Mayor Andrew "Fofu" Gilich made the motion to approve the revised Board Minutes dated September 5, 2024, 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 the revised Board Meeting Minutes dated September 5, 2024, is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

**E. Financial Report**

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



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



**F. Marketing Report**

Ms. Jena Case of the Focus Group presented the Facebook and website stats. There was an increase of 333% in organic Facebook traffic, an 11% increase in page "likes", and 2.5% increase in ad clicks. There was also an increase in traffic on our website, up 54%, with the most popular page being the Solid Waste page.



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

A copy of the August 2024 Marketing Report is attached hereto as exhibit "E".



**G. Action Items**

**1. Old Business**



**G1a. H2O Amendment #4 – Locates - Approval**

Supervisor Dan Cuevas made a motion to discuss H2O Amendment #4 – Locates - Approval, 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. John Wilson explained the previous Amendment #4, as presented to the Board, incorrectly included the annual CPI adjustment increase, which confused the numbers in the Locate Amendment. The Amendment should have only included the rate for the Locate position and nothing else. This H2O Amendment #4 – Locates does just that.



Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve H2O Amendment #4 – Locates - Approval, seconded by Mayor Billy Hewes. 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 H2O Amendment #4 – Locates - Approval is attached hereto as exhibit "F".

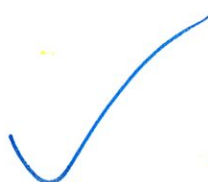
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## 2. New Business

### G2a. Emergency Declaration – Hurricane Francine

Supervisor Dan Cuevas made a motion to discuss Emergency Declaration – Hurricane Francine, 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. John Wilson explained that this declaration was done in anticipation of any damages incurred due to Hurricane Francine, and that, at this time, there are none.

Supervisor Dan Cuevas made a motion to approve Emergency Declaration – Hurricane Francine, 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 Emergency Declaration – Hurricane Francine is attached hereto as exhibit "G".

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## H. Solid Waste Report

Mr. Alan Lane reported that the recycling participation rate is at 43.06%.

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**

Mr. John Wilson stated that we are still working to put together a Cell Antenna Policy to present to the Board, along with rate comparisons, and we will have that to the Board for review as soon as possible.

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**J. Executive Session**

There was no need for Executive Session.

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**K. Adjourn** – At this time Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Marlin Ladner. 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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