

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
December 21, 2017

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on December 21, 2017, 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 Chipper McDermott, City of Pass Christian, Director
Mayor George Bass, City of Long Beach, Director
Mr. Al Gombos, representing the City of D'Iberville
Mayor Billy Hewes, City of Gulfport, Director
Supervisor Angel Kibler-Middleton, Harrison County (2), Director
Supervisor Marlin Ladner, Harrison County (1), Director
Mayor Andrew "Fofa" Gilich, City of Biloxi, Director
Mr. Steve Simpson, Wise Carter Attorneys, Esquire
Mr. Donald Scharr, Executive Director, HCUA
Ms. Merri Ann Testa, Procurement Specialist, HCUA
Ms. Julie Christian, Chief Financial Officer, HCUA
Mr. John Wilson, O & M Manager, HCUA
Mr. Alan Lane, Solid Waste Coordinator, HCUA

ABSENT:

Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter Attorneys, Esquire

AUDIENCE:

Mr. Peter Abide, City of Biloxi
Ms. Kelly Griffin, Harrison County Beautification
Mr. Jason Saucier, BMA Engineering
Ms. Cindy Lamb, Pickering Engineering
Mr. Andrew Densing, Team Waste
Mr. Steve Twedt, Neel Schaffer
Ms. Colby Cantrell, Pelican Waste
Ms. Brynn Joachim, The Focus Group
Mr. Bobby Knesal, Utility Partners

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

There being a quorum sufficient to transact business of the Authority, Mayor McDermott 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 McDermott opened the floor for public comments. There were no public comments.

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C. Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to HCUA Solid Waste Plan

Mayor McDermott opened the floor for the public hearing on the Proposed Amendments to the HCUA Solid Waste Plan.

There were no comments or questions.

Mayor Gilich made a motion to close the Public Hearing on the Proposed Amendments to the HCUA Solid Waste Plan, seconded by Mayor Bass. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

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.

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D. Approval of Claims Docket dated December 22, 2017

Mayor Bass made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated December 22, 2017, seconded by Mr. Gombos. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

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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E. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated December 7, 2017

Mr. Gombos made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated December 7, 2017, seconded by Mayor Bass. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

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.

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F. Technical Committee Minutes dated December 12, 2017

Mr. Gombos made a motion for discussion of the Technical Committee Meeting Minutes dated December 12, 2017, seconded by Supervisor Ladner.

Supervisor Ladner requested the Board not hold up will serve letters for further development in Harrison County because of the absence of a policy for collection methods for unpaid bills.

There was discussion regarding the pending request by the developer for acceptance of ownership and operation of Magnolia Springs Phase 6, upon completion.

There was some discussion regarding establishing a policy for collection of unpaid bills. Mr. Scharr advised that he and Mr. Jim Simpson have drafted an ordinance that will be presented to the Board at the January 4, 2018 board meeting.

Mr. Gombos made a motion to spread on the minutes the Technical Committee Meeting Minutes dated December 12, 2017, seconded by Supervisor Ladner. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

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 minutes is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

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G. Financial Report

Ms. Christian provided a summary of the financial report as of November 30, 2017.

No action required.

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Old Business

H. 1 a – Consideration of Policy for Distribution of Recovered Funds/Settlements

Mr. Scharr requested Board direction as to how settlement costs and recovered funds should be disbursed.

Mr. Peter Abide stated the allocation of costs should have been established beforehand. He stated it is unfair to create a subsequent policy and apply it to previous litigation. The City of Biloxi is requesting that the litigation costs that have already been assessed remain the same and Biloxi will receive the recovered funds.

Mayor Hewes made a motion to award the City of Biloxi recovered settlement funds in the amount of \$169,384, seconded by Mr. Gombos.

Mr. Scharr asked that the Board consider the distribution of costs and funds related to the litigation for the boring issue in Gulfport.

The motion was amended to include the City of Gulfport's litigation for the boring issue and apply the same allocation as Biloxi.

Mayor Hewes made a motion to award the City of Biloxi recovered settlement funds in the amount of \$169,384 and to apply the same allocation to the City of Gulfport's litigation for the boring issue, seconded by Mr. Gombos. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

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 Biloxi's proposal is attached hereto as exhibit "D".

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New Business

H. 2 a – Environmental Assessment – Draft Scope of Work

Mayor Hewes made a motion to table the Environmental Assessment – Draft Scope of Work until the January 18, 2017 board meeting, seconded by Mayor Bass. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

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. The item was tabled. A copy of the draft scope is attached hereto as exhibit "E".

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H. 2 b – Environmental Assessment – Solicit Proposal for Engineering Services

Mayor Hewes made a motion to table the Environmental Assessment – Solicit Proposal for Engineering Services until the January 18, 2017 board meeting, seconded by Mayor Bass. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

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. The item was tabled. A copy of the memorandum is attached hereto as exhibit "F".

Mayor Hewes made a motion for the Board to direct Mr. Scharr to collaborate with each municipalities' engineering department to determine if the scope of work can be facilitated by existing staff, with a report to be provided at the January 18, 2017 board meeting, seconded by Mayor Bass. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

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.

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H. 2 c – Proposal for Elevated Generator at Bay Shore Pump Station – Seymour Engineering

Mr. Gombos made a motion to approve the Proposal for Elevated Generator at Bay Shore Pump Station – Seymour Engineering, seconded by Mayor Bass. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

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 proposal is attached hereto as exhibit "G".

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H. 2 d – SP-12 Project – Joint Wetland Permit Application

Supervisor Ladner made a motion to spread on the minutes the SP-12 Project – Joint Wetland Permit Application, seconded by Mr. Gombos. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

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 application is attached hereto as exhibit "H".

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H. 2 e – Recommendation to Award Odor Control Contract - ChemStation

Supervisor Ladner made a motion to approve the recommendation to Award Odor Control Contract - ChemStation, seconded by Mayor Bass. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

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 proposal is attached hereto as exhibit "I".

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I. Solid Waste Report

Mr. Lane provided the tonnage reports for the month of November. He stated the recycling has increased by 68 percent over last year.

No action required.

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J. Executive Director's Report

There was no Executive Director's Report.

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K. Executive Session

There was no need for Executive Session.

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I. Adjourn - At this time Mr. Gombos made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Ladner. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

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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