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HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
January 16, 2025

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on January 16, 2025 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
Mr. Mike Leonard, representing the City of Biloxi
Mr. Bernie Parker, representing the City of Long Beach
Mr. Al Gombos, representing the City of D'Iberville
Supervisor Marlin Ladner, Harrison County (1)
Supervisor Dan Cuevas, Harrison County (2)
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, Staff Engineer, HCUA
Ms. Marie Ostrander, Office Manager, HCUA

VIA TELECOM:

None

ABSENT:

Mayor Jimmy Rafferty, City of Pass Christian, Director

AUDIENCE:

Jena Case, The Focus Group
Charles Head, H20 Innovation
Damon Torricelli, Neel-Shaffer
Doug Wimbley, Neel-Shaffer
Shea McGee, Waste Management
Sam Williams, Waste Management
Leo Manuel, Waste Management
Jamie Barhanovich, Cypress E&I

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

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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.

A. Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

B. Public Hearing – Modification to Local Solid Waste Management Plan

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to open Public Hearing – Modification to Local Solid Waste Management Plan, seconded by Supervisor Dan Cuevas for discussion. 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	absent	

Mr. Bernie Parker opened the floor for public comments. No public comments were made.

Mr. John Wilson wanted to be sure that the certified letters and related documents which were mailed to the neighbors adjacent to the proposed site were included on the record and that everyone was made aware that those neighbors were contacted.

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to close Public Hearing – Modification to Local Solid Waste Management Plan, 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 Public Hearing was closed.

A copy of the Public Hearing – Modification to Local Solid Waste Management Plan is attached hereto as exhibit "B".

C. Public Comments

Mr. Bernie Parker opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.

D. Approval of the Claims Docket dated January 16, 2024, with Addendum

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated January 16, 2025, with Addendum, 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	absent	

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

E. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated December 19, 2024

Mr. Bernie Parker made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated December 19, 2024 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)	abstained	
Harrison County (2)	abstained	
Pass Christian	absent	

The motion passed. A copy of Board Meeting Minutes dated December 19, 2024, is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

F. Financial Report

Ms. Cindy Breaux reported that the audit was in process and that everything had been submitted to them electronically. She also reported that the transfer from Hancock Bank to Community Bank was almost complete and we should be working entirely with Community Bank by months end.

Supervisor Dan Cuevas made a motion for discussion of the December 2024 Financial Report 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	absent	

Supervisor Ladner asked how 100% of the "Henderson Point Grinder System" line-item had already been spent. After some further examination Ms. Breaux determined that this was a miscoded item that she would correct.

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

A copy of the Financial Report for December 2024 is attached hereto as exhibit "E".

G. Marketing Report

Ms. Jena Case of The Focus Group presented the Facebook and website stats. The focus remains driving users to the HCUA website and Facebook page and keeping them engaeded and informed. The new recycling video, "Curb to MERF" is up on our page. There was a 6% increase in Engagement on our Facebook page with a 224% increase in post likes and 100% increase in video views from a year ago. Our Website engagement is also up and our "Home" section the most visited.

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

A copy of the December 2024 Marketing Report is attached hereto as exhibit "F".

H. Action Items

1. Old Business

None

2. New Business

None

I. Solid Waste

1. Solid Waste Report

Mr. Alan Lane reported that our recycling participation rate for last month was 43.14% and we collected 5,740 pounds of carboard during our Christmas Carboard Collection.

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

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2. Solid Waste Collection Fines – Approval

Supervisor Marlin Ladner made a motion to approve the Solid Waste Collection Fines - Approval, seconded by Supervisor Dan Cuevas. A vote resulted in the following:

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

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

J. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Wilson wanted to make the Board aware that we have recently had to change our conference call hosting provider and we are still working through some things with that.

K. Executive Session

There was no need for Executive Session.

L. Adjourn – At this time Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to adjourn, 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	absent	

The motion to adjourn passed.

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