

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
November 7, 2024

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on November 7, 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 Andrew "Fo Fo" Gilich, City of Biloxi, Director
Mr. Bernie Parker, representing City of Long Beach
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
Mr. Alan Lane, Solid Waste Manager, HCUA
Ms. Marie Ostrander, Purchasing Coordinator, HCUA
Mr. Sam Broom, Engineering/ Construction Manager
Mrs. Cindy Breaux, Chief Financial Officer

ABSENT:

Mayor George Bass, City of Long Beach, Director

AUDIENCE:

Shea McGee, Waste Management
Jamie Barhanovich, Cypress E&I
Bobby Knesal, H2O
Jaclyn Turner, Harrison County

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

There being a quorum sufficient to transact business of the Authority, Mr. Bernie Parker, 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 November 7, 2024

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated November 7, 2024, seconded by Mayor Andrew "Fo Fo" 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 November 7, 2024, is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

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D. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated August October 17, 2024

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated October 17, 2024, seconded by Mayor Andrew "Fo Fo" 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 Board Meeting Minutes dated October 17, 2024, is attached hereto as exhibit "D".

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E. Acceptance of Technical Committee Meeting Minutes dated October 30, 2024

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to accept the Technical Committee Meeting Minutes dated October 30, 2024, seconded by Mayor Andrew "Fo Fo" 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 Board Meeting Minutes dated October 17, 2024, is attached hereto as exhibit "D".

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F. Action Items

1. Old Business

F1a. Big John Cell Antenna – Contract & Plans – Approval

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to discuss the Big John Cell Antenna – Contract & Plans - Approval, seconded by. Mayor Andrew "Fo Fo" 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)	abstained	
Pass Christian	voted	aye

Mr. Al Gombos asked if we had pre-negotiated the price as it is listed in the contract. Mr. John Wilson told the Board that we had not necessarily pre-negotiated the price but had gone back and increased the monthly rent from \$1,800 to \$2,250, which is keeping us within the range listed in the policy and factoring in the construction expenditure that ATT is going to be paying for.

Supervisor Dan Cuevas recused himself from this vote as he is employed by ATT.

Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to approve the Big John Cell Antenna – Contract & Plans - Approval, seconded by. Mayor Andrew "Fo Fo" 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)	abstained	
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed. A copy of Big John Antenna – Contract & Plans – Approval, is attached hereto as exhibit “D”.

2. New Business

F2a. Waste Management Pecan Grove – Expansion & Solid Waste Management Plan Revision – Approval

Mayor Andrew “FoFo” Gilich made a motion to discuss the Waste Management Pecan Grove – Expansion Approval & Solid Waste Management Plan Revision - Approval, 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

Mayor Billy Hewes asked that Waste Management’s representative, Mr. Sam Williams, come forth and answer a few questions he had regarding the impact this may have rates and CPI increases. Mr. Williams confirmed to the Board that this approval would not impact the rates the residents pay today, and that support for this expansion would certainly be taken into consideration when the next renewal comes up. Mayor Hewes, while recognizing that there is a need for this expansion, does worry about how residents will react to continuing rate increases for their solid waste service.

Supervisor Marlin Ladner asked for confirmation that since this proposed expansion would replace space that has been used for debris, and that it would now be used for regular household trash, there are places for debris in the event of another large storm, like Katrina. Mr. Williams explained that yes, there is still room at Fire Tower Road and other landfills, and that in the event of another Katrina level storm much of that related debris would be treated as MSW (municipal solid waste) and be hauled to facilities out of the area anyways, saving Harrison County room in their landfill sites.

Mr. Al Gombos asked if any part of this has anything to do with the ongoing discussion over leachate treatment and disposal from the landfills. Mr. Wilson confirmed that no, it does not, that project is in the works, and we are in discussion, negotiation, and planning stages.

Mayor Andrew "Fo Fo" Gilich made a motion to approve the Waste Management Pecan Grove – Expansion Approval & Solid Waste Management Plan Revision - Approval, 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 passed. A copy of Waste Management Pecan Grove – Expansion Approval & Solid Waste Management Plan Revision - Approval is attached hereto as exhibit "D"

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G. Executive Director's Report

Mr. John Wilson did not have anything to report, however Mayor Jimmy Rafferty asked if any headway or further consideration had been given to incentive programs to encourage residents to recycle. Mr. Wilson explained that programs like that have been done in the past few years, unfortunately without the success we might have expected. The recycling rate, 43% of Harrison County households, is extremely high, not only for the state, but the region, and we will continue working to build participation and involvement.

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H. Executive Session

None

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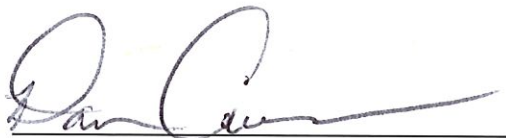
- I. **Adjourn** – At this time Mr. Al Gombos made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Marlin Ladner. A vote resulted in the following:

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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