

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING  
May 2, 2019

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on May 2, 2019 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. Mike Leonard, representing the City of Biloxi  
Mr. Al Gombos, representing the City of D'Iberville  
Mayor Billy Hewes, City of Gulfport, Director  
Supervisor Connie Rockco, Harrison County (2), Director  
Supervisor Marlin Ladner, Harrison County (1), Director  
Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter Attorneys, Esquire  
Mr. Donald Scharr, Executive Director, HCUA  
Ms. Patra Roberts, Office Manager, HCUA  
Ms. Julie Christian, Chief Financial Officer, HCUA  
Mr. John Wilson, O & M Manager, HCUA

ABSENT:

Mayor Andrew "Fofa" Gilich, City of Biloxi, Director

AUDIENCE:

Ms. Cindy Lamb, Pickering Firm  
Ms. Brynn Joachim, The Focus Group  
Ms. Jenna Bennett, Waste Management  
Mr. Bobby Knesal, Utility Partners  
Mr. Derrel Wilson, Utility Partners

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

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

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**C. Approval of the Claims Docket dated May 3, 2019**

Mayor McDermott made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated May 3, 2019, 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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**D. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated April 18, 2019**

Mr. Gombos made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes dated April 18, 2019, seconded by Mayor McDermott. 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 meeting minutes is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

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**Old Business**

**E. 1 a – RFP for O & M Contract Services**

Mr. Gombos made a motion to approve the RFP for O & M Contract Services, seconded by Supervisor Rockco for discussion purposes.

Mr. Scharr presented the Board with a draft of the RFP package for review and discussion. The package included the advertisement, Request for Proposal, and appendices. He advised that the RFP package has been provided to the Technical Committee for review also. The technical committee will have a workshop to discuss the RFP at the next technical meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2019.

Mayor Hewes made a motion to table the RFP for O & M Contract Services until a recommendation from the Technical Committee has been received, 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 draft request is attached hereto as exhibit "D".

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#### **E. 1 b – Long Beach Interceptor (Price Brothers) Scope – Recommendation**

Mr. Gombos made a motion for discussion, seconded by Supervisor Rockco.

Mr. Scharr stated the board directed him to exclude the Industrial Park component and the portion of the project to re-direct flow from the Wisteria and Alverado pump stations to the Red Creek pump station. He asked the Board to reconsider excluding of the re-direction of the flow from Wisteria and Alverado pump stations.

Mr. Scharr recommended adding the Wisteria/Alverado component back to the project and add improvements/repairs to the system between South Forrest pump station and the Johnson Road pump station.

Mayor Bass stated that he wanted all the Price Brothers pipe replaced that has not been slip lined, as Phase I of the project. He stated that re-directing the flow at Wisteria/Alverado could be considered as Phase II, if funding is available.

Mayor McDermott made a motion to authorize replacement of all Prices Brothers pipe that has not been slip lined, as Phase I of the project, then consider the Wisteria/Alverado component as Phase II of the project if funds are available, 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 memorandum is attached hereto as exhibit "E".

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## **New Business**

### **E. 2 a - Hickman Road Water Main Project – Engineering Services**

Mr. Scharr recommended accepting the Overstreet & Associates proposal and enter into an engineering contract in the amount of \$16,700.

Mr. Leonard made a motion to approve Hickman Road Water Main Project – Engineering – Overstreet & Associates, seconded by Mayor McDermott. 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 "F".

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### **E. 2 b - West Fritz Creek Phase II Gravity Sewer Interceptor – RPR Services**

Mr. Scharr recommended accepting the proposal of Machado Patano for RPR Services in the amount of \$115,832.

Supervisor Rockco made a motion to approve West Fritz Creek Phase II Gravity Sewer Interceptor – RPR Services – Machado Patano (\$115,832), seconded by Mayor Hewes. 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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**E. 2 c - Bayshore Pump Station Generator Project – Substantial Completion and Close-out**

Mr. Scharr recommended the board accept substantial completion as of December 20, 2018 and approve the final payment application and project closeout.

Mr. Gombos made a motion to accept substantial completion as of December 20, 2018 and approve the final payment application and project closeout, seconded by Mr. Leonard. 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 memorandum is attached hereto as exhibit "H".

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**E. 2 d - Water Service – Success Community Center/Fire Station**

Mr. Scharr recommended HCUA accept the proposal from Palmer Creek Utilities to extend their system to provide service to customers outside of their certificate area.

There was a discussion regarding other alternatives to serve residents. Mr. Scharr stated he will contact Palmer Creek Utilities to review other options for service.

Mayor McDermott made a motion to table Water Service – Success Community Center/Fire Station, seconded by Supervisor Rockco. 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 draft request is attached hereto as exhibit "I".

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**F. Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Scharr advised the board that he has accepted an invitation to serve on the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Recyclers Coalition.

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**G. Executive Session**

Mr. Simpson advised that there was no need for Executive Session.

Mr. Simpson provide the Board with an update on the S-14 project. On Monday, April 29, 2019, HCUA met with Jay Bearden Construction.

During the meeting, the contractor was told they must get the project back in compliance with stormwater permit requirements and address the Corps of Engineers non-compliance letter immediately.

Mr. Simpson stated the contractor was told that HCUA will enter negotiations on Change Order No. 8, with the understanding that HCUA will not pay for the dirt/fill and the re-mobilization costs that were being requested.

**Mr. Leonard exited the meeting.**


Jay Bearden Construction has requested HCUA provide them with a letter clarifying the Corps of Engineers requirements with regards to dirt/fill. Mr. Simpson stated the letter has been prepared and will be sent today.

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**H. Adjourn** - At this time Mayor McDermott made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Gombos. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

Biloxi	voted	absent
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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