

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
June 23, 2016

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on June 23, 2016, 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 Andrew "Fofa" Gilich, City of Biloxi, Director
Mayor Billy Hewes, City of Gulfport, Director
Mayor Billy Skellie, City of Long Beach, Director
Mr. Al Gombos, representing the City of D'Iberville
Supervisor Angel Kibler-Middleton, Harrison County (2), Director
Mayor Chipper McDermott, City of Pass Christian, Director
Mr. Donald Scharr, Executive Director, HCUA
Ms. Patra Roberts, Office Manager, HCUA
Mr. Michael VanCourt, Comptroller, HCUA

ABSENT:

Supervisor Marlin Ladner, Harrison County (1), Director
Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter Attorneys, Esquire

AUDIENCE:

Mr. Gerald Blessey, City of Biloxi
Mr. Kris Riemann, City of Gulfport
Ms. Lisa Verhovshek, Wise Carter Attorneys
Ms. Linda Elias, City of Gulfport
Mr. Roy Boswell, Utility Partners
Mr. Jim Bozek, Utility Partners
Mr. Rupert Jemmott, Waste Pro

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

There being a quorum sufficient to transact business of the Authority, Mayor Gilich called the meeting to order. The following proceedings were had and done.

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A. Public Comments – Mayor Gilich opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.

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Old Business - None

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New Business

B. 2 a – In-House O & M Performance Update

Mr. Scharr provided the Board with a budgetary assessment of HCUA in-house operations for the Henderson Point and water systems.

There were discussions regarding whether in-house operations or contract operations are more cost effective.

No action needed. A copy of the assessment is attached hereto as exhibit "B".

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B. 2 b – Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Workshop

Mr. Scharr advised the Board that Mr. Demery Grubbs, of Government Consultants, will address the Board at the July 7, 2016 board meeting to provide an update on the bond refinancing options.

Mr. Scharr addressed the Board regarding debt allocation amongst the member agencies. He advised that HCUA does not have any contracts or agreements on record that addresses how these costs should be distributed. Mr. Scharr recommends that agreements be established to address the method of cost distribution. He stated the allocation of costs must be determined in order to prepare the 2017 budget.

Mr. Scharr will schedule meetings with the member agencies that have shared costs to determine the distribution method.

The Board has requested the auditors review the allocation methods and provide a comparison.

No action needed. A copy of payment distributions is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

Mr. Scharr requested the Board authorize Mayor Gilich to execute the approved Broadwater Lease Agreement with the City of Biloxi.

Mr. Gombos made a motion to authorize Mayor Gilich to execute the approved Broadwater Lease Agreement, 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	absent
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion to adjourn passed.

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Adjourn - At this time Mr. Gombos made a motion to adjourn, 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
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