HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
August 7, 2025

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on August 7, 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:

Mayor Hugh Keating, City of Gulfport, Director
Mr. Rich Weaver, Representing the City of Biloxi
Mayor Tim Peirce, City of Long Beach, Director
Mr. Al Gombos, Representing the City of D'Iberville
Mayor Kenny Torgeson, City of Pass Christian, Director
Supervisor Marlin Ladner, Harrison Couty (1), Director
Supervisor Dan Cuevas, Harrison Couty (2), Director
Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter, Attorneys and Esquire
Mr. John Wilson, Executive Director, HCUA
Ms. Cindy Breaux, CFO, HCUA
Mr. Alan Lane, Solid Waste Manager, HCUA
Mr. Sam Broom, Engineering Construction Manager, HCUA
Ms. Marie Ostrander, Office Manager, HCUA

ABSENT: NONE

AUDIENCE:

Charles Head, H20 Innovation
Garrett Reeder, H20 Innovation
Shea Magee, Waste Management

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

There being a quorum sufficient to transact business of the Authority, Mr. Al Gombos, representing The City of D'Iberville, called the meeting to order. The following proceedings were had and done.

A. Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

B. FY26 Proposed Budget – Public Hearing

Mayor Kenny Torgeson made a motion to open FY26 Proposed Budget - Public Hearing, 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

Mr. Al Gombos opened the floor for public comments. No public comments were made.

Mr. Rich Weaver made a motion to close the FY26 Proposed Budget – Public Hearing, 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 motion passed. A copy of notice, Public Hearing for FY26 Proposed Budget – Public Hearing, is attached hereto as exhibit "B".

C. Public Comments

Mr. Al Gombos opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.

D. Approval of the Claims Docket dated August 7, 2025

Mayor Hugh Keating made a motion to approve the Claims Docket dated August 7, 2025, 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 Tim Pierce asked that a small description be added to the line items on the Claims Docket.

The motion passed. A copy of Claims Docket dated August 7, 2025 is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

E. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated July 17, 2025

Mayor Tim Peirce made a motion to approve the amended Board Meeting Minutes dated July 17, 2025, 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

It was noted that Pass Christian was absent from the July 17, 2025 meeting but had been marked as present and voting on the Board Meeting Minutes. The Board decided to amend the Minutes accordingly and accept them as is.

The motion passed. A copy of the amended Board Meeting Minutes dated July 17, 2025, is attached hereto as exhibit "D".

F. Action Items

1. Old Business

F1a. N. D'Iberville Pump Station & Manhole - Discussion

Mr. John Wilson reported that the repairs to the manhole had been completed and lined with a fiberglass liner, as of July 22, 2025 the system is active. All of the other receiving manholes in the Authority's custody have been inspected and added to the asset management report. There was one manhole in Long Beach that found to be in need of repair and that is being addressed. Mr. Al Gombos asked for a detailed report on the N. D'Iberville PS Manhole, which Mr. Wilson assured him he would get, and Supervisor Dan Cuevas asked what the shelf life for the fiberglass liners. Mr. Wilson explained that the liner had a ten year warranty, while the manhole itself has a 20-25 year lifespan.

No Action Taken.

2. New Business

F2a. Chemical Bid – Gaseous Chlorine & Sulfur Dioxide – Permission to Advertise

Mayor Kenny Torgeson made a motion to approve Chemical Bid – Gaseous Chlorine & Sulfur Dioxide – Permission to Advertise, 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 motion passed. A copy of the Chemical Bid – Gaseous Chlorine & Sulfur Dioxide – Permission to Advertise is attached hereto as exhibit "E".

F2b. FY26 Salary Adjustments - Approval

Supervisor Dan Cuevas made a motion to discuss FY26 Salary Adjustments – Approval, seconded by Mayor Kenny Torgeson. 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

Mr. John Wilson explained that the salary adjustments would include a 5% increase for ten employees, and 3% for three others, for a total increase of $28,000.000. Mayor Tim Pierce asked how raises are usually determined. Mr. Wilson explained that in years previous the raises that employees received were based on changing positions and job responsibilities, some positions were eliminated and those responsibilities were spread onto other employees. This is the first year that raises are being done based strictly on merit and cost of living.

Supervisor Dan Cuevas made a motion to approve FY26 Salary Adjustments - Approval, seconded by Mayor Kenny Torgeson. 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 FY26 Salary Adjustments – Approval, is attached hereto as exhibit "F".

F2c. FY26 Budget – Final – Approval

Supervisor Marlin Ladner made a motion to discuss FY26 Budget - Final – Approval, 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

Mr. John Wilson reported that the only real changes to the budget were that D'Iberville had asked for some money for projects be added to the budget, and the city of Long Beach was revised to show money being rolled in but not adding new money, so those two things were corrected and updated. The only other thing we are waiting on are the final Solid Waste numbers, but the budget has numbers in there to reflect those numbers.

Mr. Al Gombos asked how much the Authority pays per Garbage cart, Mr. Alan Lane explained that we pay $23.57, which includes garbage and recycling, disposal, and yard waste.
Supervisor Marlin Ladner also asked if the Authority had settled the lawsuits related to the S-14 Project. Mr. Jim Simpson informed them that the Authority has settled all lawsuits, except for the Underhill lawsuit where a landowner has sued the City of Gulfport and the Authority. All disbursements from any settlements have been dispersed to the Members and the Authority.

Supervisor Marlin Ladner made a motion to approve FY26 Budget – Final - Approval, 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 motion passed. A copy of the FY26 Budget – Final - Approval is attached hereto as exhibit "G".

G. Executive Director's Report

Mr. John Wilson reported that he was hoping to have the final numbers for the solid waste disposal contracts by the next Board meeting.

H. Executive Session

There was no need for Executive Session.

I. **Adjourn** – At this time Supervisor Marlin Ladner made a motion to adjourn, 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 motion to adjourn passed.

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