



# HANCOCK COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY

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## *Monthly Board Meeting July 14, 2015*

**Call to Order** – by Chairman Fillingame at 4:31p.m.

**Attendees**

Mr. Tim Cameron  
Mr. Joshua DeSalvo  
Mr. Les Fillingame  
Mr. Tony W. Ladner (via tele-conference)  
Mr. Shane LaFontaine  
Mr. James Lamy  
Ms. Heather Ladner – Board Attorney  
Mr. David C. Pitalo – Executive Director  
Mr. Bill Mitchell - Engineer

**Absent**

None

**Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer** – Lead by Director DeSalvo

**Request to Address the Board**

None

**Board Action Items**

Motion was made by Director LaFontaine to approve the minutes the June 30, 2015 Recess Board Meeting, **presented as EXHIBIT A**, Director DeSalvo seconded the motion; it was voted on and carried by majority vote, with the voting as follows:

Voting Yea: Directors Cameron, DeSalvo, Fillingame, LaFontaine, Lamy

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Director Ladner

Motion was made by Director LaFontaine to approve the June 2015 Check Summaries, **as presented as EXHIBIT B**, Director Lamy seconded the motion; it was voted on and carried by majority vote, with the voting as follows:

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Monthly Budget</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Difference</u>
O & M Wastewater	\$115,820.02	\$137,907.42	\$185,929.97	\$ 70,109.95
O & M Water	\$ 21,280.86	\$ 21,512.67	\$ 7,987.51	\$ -13,293.35
2014 Bond	\$ 96,686.02			
CDBG Funds	\$ 23,459.05			

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Voting Yea: Directors Cameron, DeSalvo, Fillingame, LaFontaine, Lamy  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: Director Ladner

Motion was made by Director LaFontaine to approved the Request for Cash in the amount of \$196,007.05, presented as EXHIBIT C, Director DeSalvo seconded the motion; it was voted on and carried with a majority vote with the voting as follows:

Voting Yea: Directors Cameron, DeSalvo, Fillingame, LaFontaine, Lamy  
Voting Nay: None  
Abstaining: None  
Absent: Director Ladner

*Let the record show that at the point in the meeting Director Ladner joined the meeting via teleconference.*

### **Executive Director**

Project Status Updates – Executive Director Pitalo updated the Board on the current ongoing projects – Information only – No Action Needed

- Chlorination – 100%
- Bar Screen – 100%
- Clarifier – Submittal and drawings approvals
- Wet Well – To begin 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August 2015

Master Plan Projects – Do we want to submit all projects (\$100 million) – Executive Director Pitalo asked the Board if they wanted to review the current project priority list before he submitted any concerning the Restore funds. He will supply the Board with a list at the next meeting.

SRF invoicing beginning with July billing – Executive Director Pitalo reminded the Board that invoicing for the SRF loan will begin with the July 2015 billing.

2015-2016 Budgets – Wastewater and Water – Executive Director Pitalo presented the Board with some alternate scenarios with the entities purchasing various amounts of water.

Discussion continued concerning the 2015-2016 Water Budget – several options were presented by various Board members and discussed.

Some items for consideration were: (1) contracting the water operator services, (2) dropping the water services expense for personnel other than water operators to 5% rather than 10%, (3) eliminating personnel, Executive Director Pitalo again expressed concern about safety with only one employee out at the remote job sites, (4) letting each entity do their own testing, etc., and have an Authority employee “supervise” the personnel for each entity.



No decisions were made, and a recess meeting was scheduled for July 27, 2015 @ 4:30p.m., to continue the discussion. The Board asked Executive Director Pitalo to provide them some alternate options, using some of the suggestions above.

*Teleconference with Director Ladner ended.*

Director Cameron expressed interest in a trial period, of 2 to 3 months, of the Authority providing 100% of water to the Kiln Utility and Fire District, free of charge.

Motion was made by Director DeSalvo to authorize Executive Director Pitalo to take the necessary actions to start the trial period, Director LaFontaine seconded the motion; it was voted on and carried with a majority vote, with the voting as follows:

Voting Yea: Directors Cameron, DeSalvo, Fillingame, LaFontaine, Lamy

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: Director Ladner

### **New Business**

None

### **Old Business**

Update on Water Service participation

02/10/2015 – Lengthy discussion on Water Service participation with Mayor Fillingame stating that he would like to schedule a workshop after Mardi Gras with the City of Bay St. Louis Council to discuss the options available for the City to accept water services.

03/10/2015 – After a lengthy discussion none of the previous issues or concerns were resolved. A workshop will be scheduled soon to further discuss the water service issues.

04/14/2015 – Director LaFontaine provided the Board with a handout showing how the City of Waveland's wastewater expenses have fluctuated over the past five years and issues concerning the lack of funding for the water service budget.

After a lengthy discussion, a workshop was scheduled for Thursday April 23, 2015 at 4:30 to continue discussion efforts to resolve the water service issue

05/11/2015 – Discussion on Water Service participation, cost, and water budget, Director DeSalvo mentioned the possibility of the Diamondhead Water and Sewer District being turned over to the City of Diamondhead and a possible push for them to join the HCUA as paying participants asking the Board of Supervisors for a feasibility study. The Board then made a request that Board Attorney Ladner research the proposal of each entity assuming control of all water services.

06/09/2015 – No discussion

06/30/2015 – See above – Executive Director



07/14/2005 – 2015-2016 Budget discussions continued with no action taken  
Approval to execute the **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF WAVELAND, MISSISSIPPI AND THE HANCOCK COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF A MASTER METER**, located at Rainer Street.

Attorney Ladner informed the Board she had consulted with Attorney Perniciaro-Yarborough concerning the MOU and to date the City of Waveland has not made a decision concerning operation of the master meter at Rainer Street.

**Closed Session** - determined not needed

**Executive Session**

**Other Business**

None

**Adjourn or Recess**

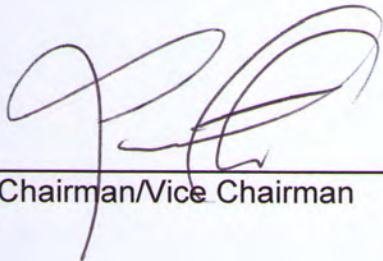
Motion was made by Director DeSalvo to recess at 6:30p.m., with a recess meeting scheduled for Monday July 27, 2015 at 4:30p.m., Director LaFontaine seconded the motion; it was voted on and carried by unanimous vote, with the voting as follows:

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Voting Nay: None

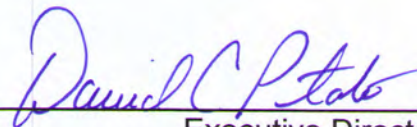
Abstaining: None

Absent: Ladner



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Chairman/Vice Chairman



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Executive Director