

HANCOCK COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY

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Minutes Monthly Board Meeting February 4, 2026

Call to Order – It was established that a quorum was present by Chairman Scotty Adam as the meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Attendees:

Board Members:

Mr. Scotty Adam

Mr. Jay Trapani

Mr. Farron Hoda

Mrs. Cheryl Bennett

Mrs. Patricia Cuevas

Mr. Mike Favre

Other:

Mr. David C. Pitalo – HCUA Executive Director

Mrs. Heather Smith – Board Attorney

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer - Led by Director Bennett

Next Monthly Board Meeting

- March 4, 2026

Board Action Items

Motion was made by Director Trapani to approve items 1-6 below from the Consent Agenda. Director Cuevas seconded the motion; it was voted on and carried with a unanimous vote with the voting as follows:

Voting Yea: Directors Adam, Trapani, Hoda, Bennett, Cuevas, Favre

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

1. EXHIBIT A - Approval of minutes from January 7, 2026, Monthly Board Meeting.
2. EXHIBIT B - Approval of January 2026 check summaries as presented:

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Monthly Budget</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Difference</u>
O & M Wastewater	\$166,323.94	\$219,683.25	\$222,583.64	\$ 56,259.70
O & M Water	\$ 33,028.47	\$ 30,624.75	\$ 28,743.20	-\$ 4,285.27

3. Oak Harbor Sewer Collection Project

- Motion to approve Invoice #26773 for Brown, Mitchell & Alexander, Inc. in the amount of \$16,331.00.
- Motion to approve Invoice Pay App #3 for DNA Underground, LLC. in the amount of \$138,909.00.

4. Stennis Space Center Wastewater Conveyance Project

- Motion to approve Invoice Pay App #19 for DNA Underground, LLC. in the amount of \$134,647.50.
- Motion to approve Invoice #26771 for Brown, Mitchell & Alexander, Inc. in the amount of \$16,154.00.
- Motion to approve Invoice #10510996 for Butler Snow LLP in the amount of \$550.00.

5. Solar Project

- Motion to approve Invoice #452601062 for I.C. Thomasson Associates in the amount of \$273.46.

6. Cedar Point Pump Station Improvements

- Motion to approve Invoice #26774 for Brown, Mitchell & Alexander, Inc. in the amount of \$12,900.00.

End of Consent Agenda

Request to Address the Board - None

Motion was made by Director Favre to approve Gouras and Associates, LLC agreement for Administrative Services for the BSL Cedar Point Wastewater Pump Station Improvement Project. Director Hoda seconded the motion; it was voted on and carried with a unanimous vote with the voting as follows:

Voting Yea: Directors Adam, Trapani, Hoda, Bennett, Cuevas, Favre

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

Motion was made by Director Bennett to approve the request from Brown, Mitchell & Alexander, Inc. to allow an internal budget transfer to accommodate an increase of \$8,000.00 from the Program Administration to the Construction Administration budget for the Stennis Space Center Wastewater Conveyance Project. This transfer of funds does not affect the total contract price. Director Cuevas seconded the motion; it was voted on and carried with a unanimous vote with the voting as follows:

Voting Yea: Directors Adam, Trapani, Hoda, Bennett, Cuevas, Favre

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

Motion was made by Director Trapani to approve the advertisement for the Repair and Replacement Cost Contract. Director Favre seconded the motion; it was voted on and carried with a unanimous vote with the voting as follows:

Voting Yea: Directors Adam, Trapani, Hoda, Bennett, Cuevas, Favre

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

Motion was made by Director Cuevas to approve advertisement for Legal Services for the Springwood Area Sanitary Improvement Project. Director Hoda seconded the motion; it was voted on and carried with a unanimous vote with the voting as follows:

Voting Yea: Directors Adam, Trapani, Hoda, Bennett, Cuevas, Favre

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

Motion was made by Director Hoda to approve Modification #2 in the amount of \$705,000.00 for Legal and Administrative Services for the Springwood Area Sanitary Improvement Project. Director Favre seconded the motion; it was voted on and carried with a unanimous vote with the voting as follows:

Voting Yea: Directors Adam, Trapani, Hoda, Bennett, Cuevas, Favre

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

Motion was made by Director Cuevas to approve Memorandum of Understanding between the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources and the Hancock County Utility Authority. Director Favre seconded the motion; it was voted on and carried with a unanimous vote with the voting as follows:

Voting Yea: Directors Adam, Trapani, Hoda, Bennett, Cuevas, Favre

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

Motion was made by Director Trapani to approve the Butler Snow LLP Engagement Letter for the Grant Anticipation Note, Series 2026, in the amount not to exceed \$2,800,00.00. Director Favre seconded the motion; it was voted on and carried with a unanimous vote with the voting as follows:

Voting Yea: Directors Adam, Trapani, Hoda, Bennett, Cuevas, Favre

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

Motion was made by Director Cuevas to adopt the Authorizing Resolution “DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HANCOCK COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY (THE “AUTHORITY”), TO APPROVE A NON-REVOLVING LINE OF CREDIT SECURED BY A GRANT ANTICIPATION NOTE, SERIES 2026 (THE “NOTE”), OF THE AUTHORITY IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED TWO MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,800,000) TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING INTERIM FINANCING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE “SOUTHERN REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT” AUTHORIZED IN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2025, BETWEEN THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES AND THE AUTHORITY; DIRECTING THE PLACEMENT OF THE NOTE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES”. Director Bennett seconded the motion; it was voted on and carried with a unanimous vote with the voting as follows:

Voting Yea: Directors Adam, Trapani, Hoda, Bennett, Cuevas, Favre

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None

Executive Director

Explanation of Capacity Assessment Scores for 2025 – Information Only/No Action Taken

Information about Southern Regional Upgrade Project – Information Only/No Action Taken

Article in MSRWA Magazine about HCUA – Information Only/No Action Taken

Project Status Report – Information Only/No Action Taken

Wastewater Report – Information Only/No Action Taken
Water Report – Information Only/No Action Taken

New Business – None

Old Business – None

Closed Session - None

Executive Session - None

Adjourn or Recess

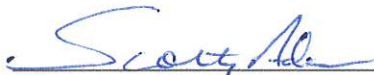
Motion was made by Director Favre to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 a.m. Director Bennett seconded the motion; it was voted on and carried with a unanimous vote with the voting as follows:

Voting Yea: Directors Adam, Trapani, Hoda, Bennett, Cuevas, Favre

Voting Nay: None

Abstaining: None

Absent: None



Chairman/Vice Chairman



Executive Director