

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OPERATING COMMITTEE
OF LOUISIANA ENERGY AND POWER AUTHORITY (LEPA)
HELD AT THE OFFICES OF LEPA IN LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA ON
JUNE 15, 2017**

The members of the Operating Committee of LEPA held a meeting on June 15, 2017, at the LEPA Administrative Building, 210 Venture Way, Lafayette, Louisiana after due notice of said meeting.

Voting members present:

Mayor Chuck Robichaux, Chairman
Mr. Al Levron, Vice Chairman
Mayor Buz Craft, Secretary-Treasurer
Mayor Edwin Reeves#

Voting members absent:

Mayor Frank Grizzaffi

Non-voting member present:

Cordell Grand, General Manager
Kevin Bihm, Assistant General Manager

The meeting was called to order and the presence of a quorum was noted. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mayor Reeves, the Minutes of the March 17, 2017 meeting of the Operating Committee were unanimously approved as circulated to Committee members.

General Manager Grand then gave a report on wholesale power costs, copies of which were in Members' packets. He reported that April costs had increased due to the new unit being down. He further reported that May costs went down 7 mills from April from 43 mills to 36 mills. He further reported that June costs will probably go down another 3 mills. He reported that the twelve-month strip for natural gas was at approximately \$3.00.

Assistant General Manager Kevin Bihm then gave a report on the Rodemacher Unit No. 2. He reported that after the spring outage for routine maintenance, the main transformer failed. The wiring had to be fixed. He further reported that on May 15th, the unit was derated because of vibration in the generator. That problem has been fixed. He further reported that on June 13th and June 14th, emission testing was done.

General Manager Grand then reported on other outstanding items of old business. He reported that Mayor Beville of Winnfield advised that an employee had been electrocuted and injured after a storm had knocked out power.

General Manager Grand then gave an update on LEPA Unit No. 1. He reported that in April, GE had returned to the site to do warranty work. The unit had been out from May 7 through May 12. As of June, the unit was running 16 hours a day.

On motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mayor Reeves, the Operating Committee unanimously approved going into Executive Session in order to discuss the litigation pending about the power plant.

After coming out of Executive Session, on motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mayor Reeves, the Operating Committee unanimously approved continuance of the meeting. On motion by Mayor Reeves that was seconded by Mr. Levron, the Operating Committee unanimously voted to approve expenditure of no more than \$350,000 in attorneys fees and costs through September 30th in excess of what has already been spent associated with the litigation over the new plant.

General Manager Grand then reported on the Louisiana Municipal Association meeting in Monroe. It was agreed that LEPA would not hold a dinner, given all the circumstances.

On motion by Mayor Reeves that was seconded by Mr. Levron, the members of the Operating Committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman

Sec.-Treasurer