

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF LOUISIANA ENERGY AND POWER AUTHORITY (LEPA) HELD AT
THE OFFICES OF LEPA IN LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA ON DECEMBER 1, 2017**

The members of the Board of Directors held a meeting on December 1, 2017, at the LEPA Administrative Building, 210 Venture Way, Lafayette, Louisiana after due notice of said meeting.

There were present the following directors (or alternate directors where indicated):

Mayor Mark Piazza, Director, representing City of Abbeville;
Mr. Michael Marcotte, Director, representing the City of Alexandria;
President Gordon Dove, Director, representing the City of Houma;
Mayor Hiram Evans, Director, representing the Town of Jonesville;
Mr. Jeffrey Stewart, Alternate Director, representing the City of Lafayette;
Mayor Tommy Davis, Director, representing the City of Minden;
Mayor Frank Grizzaffi, Director, representing the City of Morgan City;
Mayor Anthony Daisy, Director, representing the City of New Roads;
Mayor Edwin "Ed" Reeves, Director, representing the City of Plaquemine;
Mayor Chuck Robichaux, Director, representing the City of Rayne;
Mayor Thomas Nelson, Director, representing the City of St. Martinville;
Mr. Tracey Goodwin, Alternate Director, representing the Town of Welsh;

Absent:

Mayor Kirk Champagne, Director, representing the City of Kaplan;
Mr. Charles Brossette, Director, representing the City of Natchitoches;
Mayor Buzz Craft, Director, representing the City of Vidalia;
Mayor Kenneth Stinson, Director, representing the Town of Vinton;
Mayor Kiah Beville, Director, representing the Town of Winnfield

Non-Voting Member Present:

Mr. Cordell Grand, 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 Reeves that was seconded by Mayor Grizzaffi, the Minutes of the July 21, 2017 Board Meeting were unanimously approved as circulated to Committee members.

General Manager Cordell Grand then gave a report on wholesale power costs as set forth in the documents in Members' packets. He reported that total costs for September were 53.71 mills with a fuel cost of 34 mills. The three-month strip for natural gas was at \$3.00.

General Manager Grand then gave an update on the disposition of Rodemacher Unit No. 2. He reported that the Unit did not experience a fall outage and is running fine. Mr. Marcotte asked General Manager Grand as to the status of the S.P.P. General Manager Grand reported that it is being resolved.

On motion by Mayor Piazza that was seconded by Mayor Reeves, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to ratify the final actions authorized by the Operating Committee at the meetings of such Committee held on July 21, 2017 and October 19, 2017.

Assistant General Manager Kevin Bihm then gave an update on LEPA Unit No. 1 operating and fall outage. He reported that the Siemens turbine and the G.E. turbine have required maintenance. Siemens is manufacturing new windings for the exciter. He further reported that on December 7th, the new windings for the exciter will be installed. The turbine was removed from the package. A green substance was found in the fuel line. An analysis showed that it was sulfur. Assistant General Bihm reported that salt combined with natural gas will cause corrosion. He reported that the proposed solution was to keep the natural gas hot to keep sulfur in a gaseous state. He reported that G.E. is recommending that the gas be heated.

General Manager Grand then gave an update on the Robins & Morton litigation. He reported that Jim Butler, LEPA's lead counsel, will be giving a presentation.

General Manager Grand then reported on the proposed 2018 meeting calendar. He reported that the Operating Committee recommends that the Board meet every third Thursday in every odd month and that the Operating Committee will meet in conjunction with the Board on the same third Thursday in every odd month. On motion by Mayor Reeves that was seconded by Mayor Davis, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to adopt the Operating Committee's recommendations and hold its meetings every third Thursday.

General Manager Grand then reported that the Operating Committee recommended adoption of the Full Requirement Budget, the Rodemacher No. 2 Budget, and the Alternate Budget for LEPA Unit No. 1, copies of which were in Members' packets. General Manager Grand explained that the Alternate Budget has lower capacity factors based on possible outages. President Dove then inquired as to the total of payments for the Bond indebtedness in the Budget. General Manager Grand reported that the total payments are \$7,408,000.00. After discussion, on motion by Mr. Marcotte that was seconded by Mayor Reeves, a majority of the Board of Directors voted to adopt the Full Requirement Budget. President Dove voted nay on the motion. The motion passed. On motion by Mr. Marcotte that second by Mayor Reeves, a majority of the Board of Directors voted to adopt the Rodemacher Unit No. 2 Budget. President Dove voted nay on the motion. The motion passed. On motion by Mr. Marcotte that was seconded by Mayor Reeves, a majority of the Board of Directors voted to adopt the Alternate LEPA Unit No. 1 Budget. President Dove voted nay on the motion. The motion passed.

Mike Marcotte, Director from the City of Alexandria, asked that Item 6 (f) be removed from the Agenda. It was so removed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Mayor Grizzaffi that was seconded by Mayor Davis, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman

Secretary