

**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 JULY 21, 2017**

The members of the Board of Directors held a meeting on July 21, 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):

Mr. Ernest Brown, Alternate Director, representing the City of Houma;
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;
Mr. Charles Brossette, Director, representing the City of Natchitoches;
Mr. Frank Mott, Alternate Director, representing the City of Plaquemine;
Mayor Chuck Robichaux, Director, representing the City of Rayne;
Mayor Buzz Craft, Director, representing the City of Vidalia;
Mayor Carolyn Louviere, Director, representing the Town of Welsh;

Absent:

Mayor Mark Piazza, Director, representing City of Abbeville;
Mr. Mike Marcotte, Director, representing the City of Alexandria;
Mayor Hiram Evans, Director, representing the Town of Jonesville;
Mayor Kirk Champagne, Director, representing the City of Kaplan;
Mayor Robert Myer, Director, representing the City of New Roads;
Mayor Thomas Nelson, Director, representing the City of St. Martinville;
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 Grizzaffi that was seconded by Mayor Craft, the Minutes of the March 17, 2017 Board Meeting were unanimously approved as circulated to Committee members.

General Manager Grand then gave a report on wholesale power costs as set forth in the documents in Members' packets. He reported that costs have risen since last year due to an increase in the price of natural gas. He reported that last year, the twelve-month strip was at

\$3.01. He reported that as of the day of the meeting, the twelve-month strip was at \$3.15. He reported that the daily price of natural gas is driving up costs. He reported that June costs are 5 mills lower than May costs. He reported that July costs will be similar to those.

General Manager Grand then reported that Rodemacher Unit No. 2 had issues that have been temporarily fixed. The permanent fix should be done during the fall outage. He also reported that the coal pile has been reduced to a normal level.

General Manager Grand then reported that LEPA will not be hosting a dinner for the LMA convention.

General Manager Grand then reported that LEPA is trying to schedule a lineman climbing class. The class is described in a document in members' packets. Kevin Guidry explained that the class is geared toward teaching basics for persons to become a Lineman 1.

On motion by Mayor Davis that was seconded by Mayor Louviere, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to ratify the final actions authorized by the Operating Committee at the meetings of such Committee held on March 17, 2017 and June 15, 2017, copies of which were in Members' packets.

General Manager Grand then reported that LEPA Unit No. 1 has been successfully running every day. He reported that it is not usually run 24 hours because there is not enough demand during the late evening hours.

General Manager Grand reported that there will be a five day outage in August to change primary filters. He further reported that there will be a fall outage in September or October for General Electric to inspect the turbine. It appears that there may be some type of corrosion in the turbine as depicted in the graphic in members' packets. General Manager Grand reported that the outage could last eight weeks because the turbine may have to be removed and brought to General Electric's facility in Texas.

General Manager Grand then reported that the litigation between Robins & Morton and LEPA is scheduled for trial in September of 2018.

General Manager Grand then reported on MISO – System Support Resources (SSR). He reported that CLECO has requested that its Teche Unit be mothballed, and he gave a description as to transmission associated with that.

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

Chairman

Secretary