

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE OPERATING COMMITTEE
OF LOUISIANA ENERGY AND POWER AUTHORITY (LEPA)
HELD AT THE OFFICES OF LEPA IN LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA ON
DECEMBER 13, 2017**

The members of the Operating Committee of LEPA held a special meeting on December 13, 2017, at the LEPA Administrative Building, 210 Venture Way, Lafayette, Louisiana after due notice of said meeting.

Voting members present:

Mayor Chuck Robichaux, Chairman
Mayor Buz Craft, Secretary-Treasurer
Mayor Edwin “Ed” Reeves#

Voting members absent:

Mayor Frank “Boo” Grizzaffi

Non-voting member present:

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 Craft, Members of the Operating Committee unanimously voted to go into Executive Session to discuss the lawsuit entitled The Robins & Morton Group v. Louisiana Energy & Power Authority pending in the United States District Court Western District of Louisiana, Civil Action No. 6:17CV0379, the parties to which are the above-named entities during which Louisiana Energy & Power Authority’s counsel would provide an update on the litigation. LEPA’s lead counsel in that case, Mr. Jim Butler, explained the necessity of going into the Executive Session because litigation strategy would be discussed as well as potential exit strategies associated with that litigation, and the necessity of keeping those strategies confidential and the detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of Louisiana Energy & Power Authority if said strategies were disclosed in an open meeting. Mayor Reeves voted yea to the motion to go into Executive Session. Mayor Robichaux voted yea to the motion to go into Executive Session. Mayor Craft voted yea to the motion to go into Executive Session. Mayor Robichaux voted yea to the motion to go into Executive Session. Thus, the vote was unanimous to go into Executive Session. The Operating Committee then went into Executive Session to discuss the litigation as set forth above.

On motion by Mayor Reeves that was seconded by Mayor Craft, the Operating Committee unanimously voted to come out of Executive Session. Mayor Reeves voted yea to the motion to come out of Executive Session. Mayor Robichaux voted yea to the motion to

come out of Executive Session. Mayor Craft voted yea to the motion to come out of Executive Session.

On motion by Mayor Reeves that was seconded by Mayor Craft, the Operating Committee unanimously voted to adopt the interim litigation budget discussed in the Executive Session as part of the litigation strategy.

Mr. C. J. Arnold of Blackbelt Energy then gave a presentation regarding possible natural gas purchase structures and future opportunities through Blackbelt Energy and the Louisiana Gas Authority.

There being no further business before the Operating Committee, on motion by Mayor Reeves that was seconded by Mayor Craft, the members of the Operating Committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman

Sec.-Treasurer