

**MINUTES OF LEPA OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING  
AND LEPA UNIT NO. 1 PARTICIPANTS COMMITTEE MEETING OF  
LOUISIANA ENERGY AND POWER AUTHORITY (LEPA)  
HELD AT THE OFFICES OF LEPA IN LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA ON  
APRIL 18, 2019**

The members of the LEPA Operating Committee and the LEPA Unit No. 1 Participants Committee held a joint meeting on April 18, 2019, at the LEPA Administrative Building, 210 Venture Way, Lafayette, Louisiana after due notice of said meeting.

Present for the Operating Committee were:

Mayor Buz Craft, Chairman

Mayor Chuck Robichaux, Secretary-Treasurer

Mayor Frank "Boo" Grizzaffi

Absent was:

Mayor Edwin "Ed" Reeves, Vice Chairman

President Gordon Dove

Non-voting member present:

Cordell Grand, General Manager

Present for the LEPA No. 1 Participants Committee were:

Mayor Buz Craft

Mr. Frank Mott

Mayor Chuck Robichaux

Mayor Frank "Boo" Grizzaffi

Absent was:

President Gordon Dove

Mayor Milton Ceasar

The meetings were called to order and the presence of quorums for both the Operating Committee and the LEPA Unit No. 1 Participants Committee were noted. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On motion by Mayor Robichaux that was seconded by Mayor Grizzaffi, the Minutes of the March 14, 2019 Operating Committee Meeting, copies of which were in Members' packets, were unanimously approved as circulated to Operating Committee members.

General Manager Cordell Grand then gave an update on wholesale power costs, comparisons of which were in Members' packets. He reported that energy costs for February were at 29 mills. Energy costs for March were at 33 mills. Projected energy costs for April will be approximately 31 mills. The twelve month strip for natural gas was at \$2.72 which was down from the prior month.

Assistant General Manager Kevin Bihm and General Manager Grand then reported on

advance purchases of natural gas. They reported that the advance purchase price was locked in at \$34.34. They further reported that LEPA saved between \$22,000 and \$23,000 by purchasing additional gas through the Louisiana Municipal Gas Association.

Assistant General Manager Bihm then gave an update on disposition of Rodemacher Unit No. 2. He reported that the unit had a two day outage in March. He further reported that there will be some testing done on the unit in April.

Assistant General Manager Bihm then gave an update on LEPA Unit No. 1 operations. He reported that the unit had just come out of its spring outage although there is going to be a two day outage that is planned for May for maintenance.

General Manager Grand then reported on a proposed agreement for annual engineering report for LEPA Unit No. 1, between Legend Consulting Group Limited. and LEPA, a copy of which was in Members' packets. He further reported that the Operating Committee had previously recommended to the Board of Directors adoption of an agreement (to be approved by counsel.) On motion by Mayor Robichaux that was seconded by Mayor Grizzaffi, the members of the Operating Committee unanimously voted to recommend to the Board of Directors that the agreement be approved. On motion by Mayor Robichaux that was seconded by Mayor Grizzaffi, the LEPA Unit No. 1 Participants Committee unanimously voted to authorize LEPA staff to execute the agreement as it relates to LEPA Unit. No. 1.

General Manager Grand then reported on a discussion and recommendation to the Board of a transition plan following the retirement of General Manager Grand. After some discussion, on motion by Mayor Robichaux that was seconded by Mayor Grizzaffi, the Operating Committee unanimously voted to recommend to the Board of Directors that Kevin Bihm be promoted to General Manager and David Bergeron be promoted to Assistant General Manager.

Assistant General Manager Bihm then reported on a discussion on Engineering Requests for Qualifications and determination of next steps. Mr. Bihm reported that he developed a matrix, a copy of which was in Members' packets, based upon needs of LEPA and the qualifications of the engineering firms that submitted their qualifications. On motion by Mayor Robichaux that was seconded by Mayor Grizzaffi, the members of the Operating Committee unanimously voted to recommend to the Board of Directors that Legend Consulting Group Limited be picked as the consulting engineer for the LEPA organization.

There being no further business before the Operating Committee and the LEPA Unit No. 1 Participants Committee, on motion by Mayor Robichaux that was seconded by Mayor Grizzaffi, the members of such Committees unanimously voted to adjourn the meetings.

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Chairman

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Sec.-Treasurer