

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF LOUISIANA ENERGY AND POWER AUTHORITY (LEPA) HELD AT
THE OFFICES OF LEPA IN LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA ON JUNE 20, 2019**

The members of the Board of Directors held a special meeting on June 20, 2019, 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 the City of Abbeville
Mr. Ernest Brown, Alternate Director, representing the City of Houma
Mayor Michael Kloesel, Director, representing the City of Kaplan
Mr. Jeffrey Stewart, Alternate Director, representing the City of Lafayette
Mayor Frank "Boo" Grizzaffi, Director, representing the City of Morgan City
Mr. Paul Seawell, Alternate Director, representing the City of New Roads
Mayor Edwin "Ed" Reeves, Director, representing the City of Plaquemine
Mayor Charles "Chuck" Robichaux, Director, representing the City of Rayne
Mayor Melinda Mitchell, Director, representing the City of St. Martinville
Mayor Buzz Craft, Director, representing the City of Vidalia
Mayor Carolyn Louviere, Director, representing the City of Welsh

Absent:

Mr. Michael Marcotte, Director, representing the City of Alexandria
Mayor Milton Ceasar, Director representing the Town of Jonesville
Mr. Michael Fluhr, Alternate Director, representing the City of Minden
Mr. Charles Brossette, Director, representing the City of Natchitoches
Mayor Kenneth Stinson, Director, representing the Town of Vinton
Mayor George Moss, 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 Kloesel that was seconded by Mayor Louviere, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the May 16, 2019 Board Meeting, copies of which were in Members' packets.

General Manager Cordell Grand then gave an update on wholesale power costs for the last year in calendar months, copies of which were in Members' packets. He reported that the costs for April were at an average of 51 mills. The cost for Full Requirements members was at 47 mills. He reported that the twelve month strip for natural gas was at \$2.44.

Assistant General Manager Kevin Bihm then gave an update on disposition of the Rodemacher Unit No. 2. Mr. Bihm reported that load testing and performance testing were being done on the unit.

General Manager Grand then reported to the Board that the meeting was going to be his last meeting because he will retire as of June 30, 2019. He advised that he enjoyed the 35 years of service that he had with the organization. Chairman Craft advised that the whole Board appreciated his service. Mayor Craft, Mayor Reeves, Mayor Piazza, Mayor Louviere, Mayor Kloesel, Mayor Robichaux, Mayor Grizzaffi, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Seawell all thanked him for his service and wished him the best of luck.

On motion by Mayor Reeves that was seconded by Mayor Seawell, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to ratify the final actions authorized by the Operating Committee at the meeting of such Committee on May 16, 2019.

Assistant General Manager Bihm then gave an update on LEPA Unit No. 1 operations. Mr. Bihm reported that the unit had been running in the market nearly every day although it was running at 68% of capacity. LEPA staff has been working with General Electric on an issue. LEPA 1 will be conducting a 2-day outage for additional inspection of the GE turbine at a cost of \$49,000.

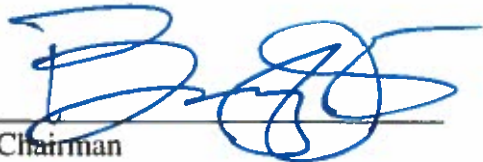
The Board then took up the matter of whether or not to go into an Executive Session, pursuant to La. R.S. 42:16, for an interview of David Bergeron to discuss and better ascertain his character and professional competence, as it relates to his appointment as LEPA's Assistant General Manager by LEPA's new General Manager, Kevin Bihm. After some discussion, the Board members all agreed that there was no need to go into an Executive Session. The Board members expressed their confidence in Mr. Bihm's ability to assess and appoint Mr. Bergeron.

The Board of Directors then took up a discussion regarding a determination of future compensation to be afforded to the new General Manager Kevin Bihm. Mr. Grand advised the Board that Mr. Bihm's present salary is \$132,000. On motion by Mayor Reeves that was seconded by Mr. Seawell, the Board unanimously voted to approve a 10 percent pay raise to the new General Manager, Kevin Bihm.

Mr. Jeff Stewart of the City of Lafayette then introduced Antonio Connor who is the new alternate director for the City of Lafayette as well as Greg Labbe with the Lafayette Utilities System.

Mayor Ed Reeves then advised the Board that Frank Mott is retiring from the City of Plaquemine and his replacement will be Travis Bourgoyne.

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



Chairman



Secretary