

**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 JANUARY 16, 2020**

The members of the Board of Directors held a meeting on January 16, 2020, 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 Jeffery Hall, Director, representing the City of Alexandria
Mr. Ernest Brown, Alternate Director, representing the City of Houma
Mayor Michael "Mike" Kloesel, Director, representing the City of Kaplan
Mr. Jeff Stewart, Director, representing the City of Lafayette
Mr. Bill Cefalu, Alternate Director, representing the City of Morgan City
Mr. Paul Seawell, Alternate Director, representing the City of New Roads
Mayor 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
Mr. Jonathan Paul, Alternate Director, representing the City of Winnfield

Absent:

Mayor Mark Piazza, Director, representing the City of Abbeville
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

Non-Voting Member Present:

Mr. Kevin Bihm, General Manager

The meeting was called to order and the presence of a quorum was noted. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

General Manager Kevin Bihm then reported on transference of officer positions. He reported that Mayor Reeves, former Vice-Chairman, will be the Chairman. The former Secretary-Treasurer, Mayor Robichaux, will be the Vice-Chairman. Mayor Reeves then nominated Mayor Craft to be the new Secretary-Treasurer. On Motion by Mr. Cefalu that was seconded by Mayor Reeves, the Board of Directors unanimously elected Mayor Craft to be the Secretary-Treasurer. Mayor Reeves then recommended that Mayor Frank "Boo" Grizzaffi, representing the City of Morgan City, be nominated to serve on the Committee and Mayor Jeffery Hall, representing the City of Alexandria, be nominated to serve on the Committee. On motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mr. Cefalu, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to elect Mayor Grizzaffi and Mayor Hall to be members of the Operating Committee.

General Manager Bihm then presented an award to Mayor Craft and thanked him for his service.

On motion by Mayor Hall that was seconded by Mr. Cefalu, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the November 21, 2019 Board Meeting, copies of which were in Members' packets.

General Manager Bihm then reported on wholesale power costs, copies of which were in Members' packets. He reported on the costs for the time period from November of 2018 through November of 2019. He further reported that the cost for Full Requirements Service members was 46.06 mills for November of 2019. He further reported that the twelve month strip for natural gas was at \$2.29, and that last year at that time it had been at \$2.96. He further reported that for the time period of January through November of 2019, LEPA's costs were at 48.86 mills.

Assistant General Manager David Bergeron then gave an update on Rodemacher Unit No. 2. He reported that the Rodemacher Unit had been down the previous Saturday, repairs were made, then there was a tube leak. He reported that all problems had been fixed and that the Unit was fully operational.

General Manager Bihm then reported on the EPA issues and regulations and the general discussions among the owners of the Rodemacher Unit. He reported that the regulations will have an impact on the Rodemacher Unit. He further reported that the plan is to schedule a meeting with the Rodemacher participants to discuss the plan going forward.

General Manager Bihm then gave an update on rate manuals, copies of which were in Members' packets and on jump drives in Members' packets.

General Manager Bihm then reported on the Emergency Assistance Agreement, and noted that executed copies would be mailed out to the participating members. Mayor Kloesel then expressed his thanks for the assistance that was rendered.

General Manager Bihm then reported that on December 6th the turbine engine at LEPA Unit 1 was removed and an exchange engine installed. He further reported that LEPA is working with GE to implement recommended changes. Additionally, he reported that the start-up process is scheduled for the beginning of February. Also, he has a meeting scheduled with a representative of AEGIS Insurance Company for the first week of February. He further reported that the old engine is at the GE facility in the Houston area. Additionally, the high pressure turbine was scheduled to be disassembled the following Monday.

General Manager Bihm then reported on the Legend Consulting Group, Ltd. as requested during the May 16, 2019 Board Meeting. He reported that ERG had been LEPA's longtime consulting firm. Joe Vumbaco, a principal in ERG, had passed away. Joe Rogers had been an engineer with ERG and Joe Vumbaco for years. Joe Rogers is now the principal with Legend Consulting Group, Ltd. General Manager Bihm then advised that as per instructions, LEPA staff did an analysis and then made reference to a chart that was prepared by LEPA staff, copies of which were in Members' packets. He reported that Legend was the highest rated engineering firm

based upon objective criteria.

Mayor Robichaux then inquired about the normal cost range to utilize engineering services. General Manager Bihm reported that it is mandatory that there be an engineer's report for purposes of the bonds associated with LEPA Unit No. 1. That report costs about \$20,000. It is also mandatory that there be an engineer's report for the Rodemacher Unit which will also cost about \$20,000. Thus, general consulting fees are about \$40,000. He also reported that the engineering costs will exceed that because of the problems that have been associated with the LEPA Unit 1 which will probably cost at least \$90,000.

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



Chairman



Secretary