

**MINUTES OF LEPA UNIT NO. 1 PARTICIPANTS COMMITTEE MEETING OF  
LOUISIANA ENERGY AND POWER AUTHORITY (LEPA)  
HELD AT THE OFFICES OF LEPA IN LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA ON  
FEBRUARY 11, 2020**

The members of the LEPA Unit No. 1 Participants Committee held a meeting on February 11, 2020, at the LEPA Administrative Building, 210 Venture Way, Lafayette, Louisiana after due notice of said meeting.

Present for the LEPA No. 1 Participants Committee were:

Mayor Edwin "Ed" Reeves, Chairman, Plaquemine  
Mayor Charles "Chuck" Robichaux, Vice Chairman, Rayne  
Mayor Buz Craft, Secretary-Treasurer, Vidalia  
Mayor Frank "Boo" Grizzaffi, Morgan City  
Mr. Ernest Brown, Houma/Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government

Absent:

Mayor Milton Cesear, Jonesville

Non-voting member present:

Kevin Bihm, 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 Robichaux that was seconded by Mayor Craft, the Participants Committee unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the November 14, 2019 LEPA Unit No. 1 Participants Committee meeting as set forth in Members' packets.

General Manager Kevin Bihm then gave an update on LEPA Unit No. 1. He reported that the engine exchange had taken place and that the parties were in the course of negotiating the CSA Agreement for service and the root cause analysis was in progress.

Joe Rogers of Legend Consulting reported on the status of the LEPA Unit No. 1. Mr. Rogers reported that the ancillary operations for the new engine were almost finished, and the engine was expected to have its first start-up the following week. He also reported on air and water systems upgrades that were done in collaboration with GE. He further reported that LEPA is using reverse osmosis permeate water for the evaporative coolers. He also reported that LEPA had arranged to have the natural gas line cleaned and lube oil flushes were being done. He further reported about the negotiations with GE for the service agreement and that it was close to finalization. Additionally, he further reported that the root cause analysis was in progress. The induction of the old engine was done on December 10<sup>th</sup>. The target for LEPA to receive the root cause analysis by GE was in mid-March. He also reported that LEPA's consultant was present for the initiation of the root cause analysis.

Mr. Rogers further reported that LEPA's consultants will review the plans for testing. The expected date for the experts to meet was going to be in a couple of weeks from the date of the meeting.

Mr. Rogers reported that the insurance claim had been addressed with the representative of AEGIS in a meeting between the AEGIS representative and LEPA staff and consultants.

General Manager Bihm then reported on the claim made by Roland Delaune under the Age Discrimination and Employment Act. He further responded to questions as to whether or not that claim would be turned over to LEPA's insurer.

The Committee then gave consideration of entering into an Executive Session pursuant to La. R.S. 42:16 and La. R.S. 42:17 with regard to equipment on the LEPA Unit No. 1 sold by GE Packaged Power, Inc. On motion by Mayor Robichaux that was seconded by Mayor Craft, and pursuant to a roll call vote, the Committee members voted as follows:

Mayor Reeves, Yea  
Mayor Robichaux, Yea  
Mayor Craft, Yea  
Mayor Grizzaffi, Yea  
Mr. Brown, Yea

There were no nays. Accordingly, the decision of the Committee was unanimous to go into Executive Session.

The Committee went into an Executive Session to discuss the above-described matter. The Committee then returned, and on motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mayor Robichaux, the Committee unanimously decided to come out of the Executive Session and continue with the meeting.

General Manger Bihm then reported on proposed By-Laws for the LEPA Unit No. 1 Participants Committee.

There then ensued a discussion regarding the timing of the meetings and those persons entitled to request a meeting. Those comments will be incorporated and presented for final approval at the next Participants Committee

There being no further business to come before the LEPA Unit No. 1 Participants Committee, on motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mayor Robichaux, the Members of such Committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

  
Chairman

  
Sec.-Treasurer