

**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 SEPTEMBER 24, 2020**

The members of the Board of Directors held a meeting on September 24, 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. Gary Moreland, Director, representing the City of Minden
Mayor Frank “Boo” Grizzaffi, 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

Absent:

Mayor Mark Piazza, Director, representing the City of Abbeville
Mayor Milton Ceasar, Director representing the Town of Jonesville
Mr. Charles Brossette, Director, representing the City of Natchitoches
Mayor Kenneth Stinson, Director, representing the Town of Vinton
Mayor George Moss, Director, representing the City of Winnfield

Non-Voting Member Present:

Mr. Kevin Bihm, General Manager

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

On motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mayor Mitchell, the members of the Board unanimously voted to ratify actions authorized by the Operating Committee at the meetings of such Committee held on November 21, 2019, April 16, 2020, and July 30, 2020.

On motion by Mayor Louviere that was seconded by Mayor Hall, the members of the Board unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the January 16, 2020 Board meeting, copies of which were in Members’ packets.

General Manager Kevin Bihm then gave a report on wholesale power costs, as set forth in the documents in Members' packets. He reported that August costs for Full Requirements Service members were at \$46.49. The twelve month strip for natural gas was at \$2.91. He further reported that last month, the price of natural gas was at \$2.87, and that the year before, the price of natural gas was at \$2.60. Thus, the price of natural gas has been trending upwards.

Assistant General Manager David Bergeron then gave an update on the Rodemacher Unit No. 2. He reported that there will be an upcoming service outage for 80 days. He further reported that the Unit was briefly offline during Hurricane Laura.

General Manager Bihm then reported on the mutual aid response to Hurricane Laura with an analysis, copies of which were in Members' packets. He thanked the APPA crews who helped, with particular thanks to the help provided by the City of Lafayette to the Members that were impacted by the storm. Mr. Stewart and Mayor Hall then thanked LEPA staff for all of their help.

General Manager Bihm then reported on proposed updated LEPA By-Laws, copies of which were in Members' packets. On motion by Mr. Seawell that was seconded by Mayor Hall, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to approve the amended By-Laws.

General Manager Bihm then reported on the proposed 2021 Full Requirements and Rodemacher 2 Budgets, copies of which were in Members' packets. He reported that the Rodemacher Budget had been reduced due to the reduction in O & M. He also reported that this reduction in the Rodemacher Budget helped reduce the demand rate for the Full Requirement Budget. He further reported that the Full Requirement Budget includes a 50 cent per hour increase in pay for LEPA's Lafayette employees.

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

Chairman

Secretary