

**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 APRIL 21, 2021**

The members of the LEPA Unit No. 1 Participants Committee held a meeting on April 21, 2021, 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 Charles "Chuck" Robichaux, -Chairman
Mayor Buz Craft, -Vice Chairman
Mayor Edwin "Ed" Reeves - Secretary-Treasurer
Mr. Ernest Brown, representing the City of Houma/Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government
Mayor Lee Dragna, representing the City of Morgan City
Mayor Milton Ceasar, representing the Town of Jonesville

Absent:

None

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

On motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mayor Dragna the Members of the Participants Committee unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2021 Participants Committee meeting, copies of which were in Members' packets.

General Manager Bihm then gave an update on LEPA Unit No.1 Operations. He reported that the unit had been down for a few days although it was on-line and was running on the day of the meeting.

General Manager Bihm then gave an update regarding the LEPA property insurance renewal as set forth in the documents in Members' packets.

General Manager Bihm then reported on opening meeting laws. There then ensued a general discussion.

The Members of the Committee then addressed Item 6(a) on the Agenda addressing consideration of entering into an executive session to discuss issues associated with equipment on LEPA Unit No. 1 sold by GE Packaged Power.

General Manager Bihm briefly addressed the scope of an executive session as set forth in the statute. General Counsel Patrick Wartelle then advised as to the Attorney General's opinions on the subject, including AG Opinion 92-233 and the Attorney General's opinions that persons other than the members of a political body can attend executive sessions if they are deemed to be necessary. The Committee was advised that it has the sole discretion to determine who shall be in executive sessions as a necessary person who is not actually on the Committee. There then ensued some discussion among the Members.

On motion by Mayor Reeves that was seconded by Mayor Craft, the Members of the Committee who were in the board room unanimously voted to go into executive session and that the members of the committee, including Mayor Robichaux, Mayor Craft, Mayor Reeves, Mayor Dragna, Mr. Brown and Mayor Ceasar should be in the executive session, and that General Manager Bihm, Assistant General Manager Bergeron, Joe Rogers, LEPA's engineer of record, Jim Butler, Special Counsel, and as General Counsel, Patrick Wartelle, were considered necessary to be in the executive session as per the Attorney General's opinions.

The votes were as follows:

Mayor Robichaux: Yea
Mayor Craft: Yea
Mayor Reeves: Yea
Mayor Dragna: Yea
Mayor Ceasar: Yea

Mr. Brown had not yet arrived.

There were no nays. Thus, the vote was unanimous for the Committee to enter executive session with the above-described persons deemed necessary by the Committee. The Committee then went into executive session.

The members of the committee then returned to the Board Room. On motion by Mayor Reeves that was seconded by Mayor Craft the Members of the Committee in the board room unanimously voted to come out of executive session.

There were no nays. Thus, the Committee came out of executive session.

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 Ceasar, the members of the Participants Committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman

Sec.-Treasurer