

**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 JULY 15, 2021.**

The members of the Board of Directors held a meeting on July 15, 2021, 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):

Mr. Jeffery Stewart, Director, representing the City of Lafayette
Mayor Ed Reeves, Director, representing the City of Plaquemine
Mayor Charles "Chuck" Robichaux, Director, representing the City of Rayne
Mayor Buzz Craft, Director, representing the City of Vidalia
Mayor Jeffery Hall, Director, representing the City of Alexandria
Mayor Lee Dragna, Director, representing the City of Morgan City
Mr. Paul Seawell, Alternate Director, representing the City of New Roads
Mayor Taylor Mencacci, Director, representing the Town of Erath
Mr. Ike Funderburk, Alternate Director, representing the City of Abbeville
Mayor Melinda Mitchell, Director, representing the City of St. Martinville
Mr. Ernest Brown, Alternate Director, representing the City of Houma
Mr. Gary Moreland, Director, representing the City of Minden
Mr. Jonathan Paul, Alternate Director, representing the City of Winnfield

Absent

Mr. Matt Anderson, Director, representing the City of Natchitoches
Mayor Milton Ceasar, Director, representing the Town of Jonesville
Mayor Karl Arceneaux, Director, representing the City of Welsh
Mayor Jude Reese, Director, representing the Town of Gueydan
Mayor Michael "Mike" Kloesel, Director, representing the City of Kaplan
Mayor Kenneth Stinson, Director, representing the Town of Vinton

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

On motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mayor Reeves, the actions authorized by the Operating Committee at the meetings of such committee held on March 18 and June 17, 2021, were unanimously approved.

On motion by Mayor Reeves that was seconded by Mayor Hall, the Minutes of the April 21, 2021 Special Board of Directors Meeting, copies of which were in Members' packets, were unanimously approved as circulated to Board members.

General Manager Bihm then reported on wholesale power costs as set forth in the comparison documents in Members' packets. He reported that costs were at 43.61 mills. The 12-month strip for natural gas was at \$3.47. Last year it was at \$2.40.

General Manager Bihm then gave an update on Rodemacher Unit No. 2. He reported that it was running well and was economically competitive. The owners have had to purchase additional coal due to the unit being dispatched in the MISO market at a high load factor.

General Manager Bihm then reported on an article on coal production, copies of which were in Members' packets.

General Manager Bihm then reported on lineman training set for August 4th through August 6th as set forth in the documents in Members' packets.

Mr. Jeff Stewart then advised that training may be available through the City of Lafayette.

General Manager Bihm then reported that Mayor Ceasar of Jonesville has resigned, and former Mayor Hiram Evans has been appointed as interim Mayor. He further reported that Jonesville has approved the mutual aid agreement.

General Manager Bihm then advised that he had been contacted by a representative of Walmart Energy regarding meeting with member cities. He is scheduled to meet with representatives of that entity on Wednesday, July 21st at the LEPA office.

General Manager Bihm then reported on updates regarding the 2021 winter event and ERCOT.

General Manager Bihm then reported on a Resolution regarding public comments during meetings, copies of which were in Members' packets. On motion by Mayor Hall that was seconded by Mayor Reeves, the Resolution was unanimously approved by Board members.

General Manager Bihm then reported on surplus old items listed on the document in Members' packets and a request for authorization to dispose of them. On motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mayor Reeves, the Board unanimously voted to authorize LEPA staff to advertise the items for sale in bulk in LEPA's journal of record, except for the Cub Cadet lawnmower, for which a LEPA municipality could take possession. If more than one municipality wants it, then lots will be drawn to determine which municipality will take possession.

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

Chairman

Secretary