

**MINUTES OF LEPA OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING OF  
LOUISIANA ENERGY AND POWER AUTHORITY (LEPA)  
HELD AT THE OFFICES OF LEPA IN LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA ON  
OCTOBER 21, 2021.**

The members of the LEPA Operating Committee held a meeting on October 21, 2021, at the LEPA Administrative Building, 210 Venture Way, Lafayette, Louisiana after due notice of said meeting.

Present for the Operating Committee were:

Mayor Charles "Chuck" Robichaux, -Chairman, representing the City of Rayne  
Mayor Buz Craft, -Vice Chairman, representing the City of Vidalia  
Mayor Edwin "Ed" Reeves - Secretary-Treasurer, representing the City of Plaquemine

Absent:

Mr. Jeffery Stewart, representing the City of Lafayette  
Mayor Michael "Mike" Kloesel, representing the City of Kaplan

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

On motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mayor Reeves, the Minutes of the September 21, 2021 Operating Committee Meeting, copies of which were in Members' packets, were unanimously approved as circulated to Committee Members.

General Manager Kevin Bihm reported on wholesale power costs, copies of which were in Members' packets. He reported on a comparison document showing wholesale power costs for the month of August 2020 as compared to August 2021. He reported on the document showing comparisons for the previous twelve months. He also reported that the City of New Roads will become a Full Requirements Service member as of December 1st. Technicians are in the process of installing equipment to monitor the load in New Roads. He reported that the costs for September were 57.51 and the costs for August were at 54. Additionally, he reported that the 12-month strip for natural gas was at \$4.49 on the day of the meeting, it was at \$4.33 the previous month, and it was at \$3.08 in October of 2020. He also reported that LEPA staff is looking at coal prices because prices have increased. He also reported on a document in Members' packets that shows utility rates for members as compared to investor-owned utilities and cooperatives.

Assistant General Manager David Bergeron then gave an update on the Rodemacher Unit No. 2. He reported that although the unit is online, it is not fully available. It is available up to 50%. That is a function of the amount of coal that is available. He reported that there is enough coal to last through the end of the year, although due to increased demand, it is more difficult to get coal trains to the unit. Presently, they are getting two trains per month. He gave an example in

which there were a couple of offers to LEPA, LEPA attempted to accept one, but the offer was revoked. LEPA has been coordinating with LUS and TEA to find coal. He reported that the consensus is that coal prices will double next year. A new offer should make coal available in April of 2022.

General Manager Kevin Bihm then reported on a proposed 2002 meeting calendar, copies of which were in Members' packets. On motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mayor Reeves, the Members of the Committee unanimously voted to approve the proposed calendar.

General Manager Kevin Bihm then reported on the proposed Full Requirements and Rodemacher Unit No. 2 budgets, copies of which were in Members' packets. He reported that the Rodemacher Unit No. 2 budget has decreased due to the pay-off of the bonds associated with the unit. Demand has decreased from 7.94 to 7.75. The Full Requirement budget has a 2% cost-of-living increase built into it. On motion by Mayor Reeves that was seconded by Mayor Craft, the Members of the Committee unanimously voted to recommend adoption of the Full Requirements budget to the Board of Directors. On motion by Mayor Reeves that was seconded by Mayor Craft, the Members of the Committee unanimously voted to recommend adoption of the Rodemacher Unit No. 2 budget.

There being no further business to come before the Operating Committee, on motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mayor Reeves, the Members of such Committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

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Chairman

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Sec.-Treasurer