

**MINUTES OF LEPA OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING OF  
LOUISIANA ENERGY AND POWER AUTHORITY (LEPA)  
HELD AT THE OFFICES OF LEPA IN LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA ON  
APRIL 21, 2022.**

The members of the LEPA Operating Committee held a meeting on April 21, 2022, at the LEPA Administrative Building, 210 Venture Way, Lafayette, Louisiana after due notice of said meeting.

Present for the Operating Committee were:

Mayor Buz Craft, - Chairman, representing the City of Vidalia  
Mayor Edwin "Ed" Reeves – Vice Chairman, representing the City of Plaquemine  
Mr. Jeffrey Stewart, - Secretary-Treasurer, representing the City of Lafayette  
Mayor Charles "Chuck" Robichaux, representing the City of Rayne

Absent:

Mayor Karl Arceneaux, representing the City of Welsh

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 Robichaux that was seconded by Mayor Reeves, the Minutes of the March 17, 2022, Operating Committee Meeting, copies of which were in Members' packets, were unanimously approved as circulated to Committee Members.

General Manager Bihm then reported that the Authority has hired Kevin Dwyer as Accounting Manager. He further reported that the Authority has hired Kimberly Mouton to replace Bridgette Hebert, who retired.

General Manager Bihm then reported on wholesale power costs and residential retail rates for the previous month and the previous twelve months as set forth in the documents in Members' packets. He reported that the twelve-month strip for natural gas was at \$6.88, the prior month strip was at \$7.73, and the April 2021 strip was at \$6.26. He explained that there has been volatility in the market. He further reported that the March costs for Full Requirements members was 61.44 mills.

General Manager Bihm then reported on capacity prices for MISO and the MISO auction as set forth in the document in Members' packets.

General Manager Bihm then reported on the Rodemacher Unit No. 2. He reported that it is on-line and operating at full capacity.

General Manager Bihm then reported on proposed lineman training and costs as set forth in the documents in Members' packets.

Greg Labbe of the City of Lafayette's LUS then gave a Power Point presentation of lineman training by LUS as set forth in the documents in Members' packets.

General Manager Bihm then reported on discussions with the Town of Boyce. He reported that the Town's City Council was scheduled to meet on April 11, but the meeting was re-scheduled for April 21, and he was planning to attend the meeting.

General Manager Bihm then reported on potential legislation of interest to LEPA members as set forth in the Memorandum prepared by Arwin Bascle, LEPA's legislative liaison, that was in Members' packets.

General Manager Bihm then reported on a Defeasance and Escrow Deposit Agreement for bonds associated with the Rodemacher Unit No. 2, a copy of which was in Members' packets. Brennan Black of Foley Judell, LEPA's bond counsel, then gave a report regarding the Agreement.

On motion by Mayor Reeves that was seconded by Mayor Robichaux, the Members of the Operating Committee unanimously voted to authorize LEPA staff to execute the Agreement.

General Manager Bihm then reported on LEPA possibly providing SCADA services for meter data management for a municipality in Mississippi. He made reference to an opinion letter from General Counsel for LEPA that was in the Members' packets.

Mr. Stewart then advised that the City of Lafayette will be meeting with other electric utility providers on May 20 to discuss sharing of resources during difficult times such as hurricanes.

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

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Chairman

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Sec.-Treasurer