

**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 21, 2022.**

The members of the Board of Directors held a meeting on July 21, 2022, 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 Buz Craft, Director, representing the City of Vidalia
Mr. Jeffrey Stewart, Director, representing the City of Lafayette
Mayor Lee Dragna, Director, representing the City of Morgan City
Mr. Paul Seawell, Alternate Director, representing the City of New Roads
Mayor Charles “Chuck” Robichaux, Director, representing the City of Rayne
Mr. Ike Funderbuck, Alternate Director, representing the City of Abbeville
Mayor Michael “Mike” Kloesel, Director, representing the City of Kaplan
Mayor Edwin “Ed” Reeves, Director, representing the City of Plaquemine.
Mr. Ernest Brown, Alternate Director representing the City of Houma
Mr. Jonathon Paul, Alternate Director, representing the City of Winnfield
Mayor Karl Arceneaux, Director, representing the City of Welsh
Mayor Jason Willis, Director, representing the City of St. Martinville

Absent

Mr. Gary Moreland, Director, representing the City of Minden
Mr. Matt Anderson, Director, representing the City of Natchitoches
Mayor Taylor Mencacci, Director, representing the Town of Erath
Mayor Jeffery Hall, Director, representing the City of Alexandria
Mayor Jude Reese, Director, representing the Town of Gueydan
Mayor Marcus Renfrow, Director, representing the Town of Vinton
Mayor Hiram Evans, Director, representing the Town of Jonesville

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

On motion was by Mr. Jeff Stewart that was seconded by Mayor Reeves the Board of Directors unanimously voted to approve the final actions authorized by the Operating Committee on April 21, 2022 and May 19, 2022.

On motion by Mayor Robichaux that was seconded by Mayor Arceneaux, the Minutes of the May 19, 2022 Board of Directors meeting, copies of which were in Members’ packets, were unanimously approved as circulated to Board members.

General Manager Kevin Bihm then reported on wholesale power costs and residential retail rates as set forth in documents in Members' packets. He then reported that the 12-month strip for natural gas was at \$6.85. Last month it was at \$6.26. Last year at this time it was at \$3.62. He then reported on the July power costs.

Assistant General Manager David Bergeron then gave an update on Rodemacher Unit No. 2. He reported that the unit is online and available. He further reported that the previous week it was down for four days for repairs. Additionally, he reported that the unit was having coal transportation issues associated with a need for more trains and trained personnel to operate the trains.

General Manager Kevin Bihm then reported on proposed lineman training as set forth in the document in Members' packets. Randall Reed also reported on the proposed training.

General Manager Kevin Bihm then reported on possibly issuing a request for proposals for line crew contracts.

General Manager Kevin Bihm then reported on LEPA possibly supplying the City of St. Martinville with power. There was a general discussion on that topic.

General Manager Kevin Bihm then reported on the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program, as set forth in the documents in Members' packets. He reported that Louisiana is scheduled to receive \$73 million for quick chargers. Each site will be able to charge four motor vehicles. 80% of the funds will come from the federal government. 20% of the funds will come from other sources. Locations of planned EV infrastructure were on the map in Members' packets.

General Manager Kevin Bihm then reported on consideration for approval of an Agreement between LEPA and Cornerstone Governmental Affairs, Inc. for governmental consulting services, copies of which were in Members' packets. He reported that Arwin Bascle, LEPA's governmental consultant, is poised to retire and that she is presently with Cornerstone. He reported that the initial cost associated with the proposed Agreement is the same as the cost associated with retaining Ms. Bascle, and that there will be a 2% increase in cost per year until termination. On motion by Mayor Reeves that was seconded by Mr. Funderburk, the Members of the Board of Directors unanimously voted to authorize LEPA staff to execute the Agreement.

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

Chairman

Secretary