

**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 SEPTEMBER 15, 2022.**

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

Mr. Jonathan Paul, Alternate Director, representing the City of Winnfield  
Mr. Jeffrey Stewart, Director, representing the City of Lafayette  
Mayor Karl Arceneaux, Director, representing the City of Welsh  
Mayor Jeffery Hall, Director, representing the City of Alexandria  
Mr. Gary Moreland, Director, representing the City of Minden  
Mayor Hiram Evans, Director, representing the Town of Jonesville  
Mayor Charles “Chuck” Robichaux, Director, representing the City of Rayne  
Mayor Roslyn White, Director, representing the City of Abbeville  
Mayor Michael “Mike” Kloesel, Director, representing the City of Kaplan  
Mr. Ernest Brown, Alternate Director, representing the City of Houma  
Mayor Edwin “Ed” Reeves, Director, representing the City of Plaquemine  
Mayor Jason Willis, Director, representing the City of St. Martinville  
Mayor Marcus Renfrow, Director, representing the Town of Vinton

Absent:

Mayor Buz Craft, Director, representing the City of Vidalia  
Mayor Jude Reese, Director, representing the Town of Gueydan  
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. Matt Anderson, Director, representing the City of Natchitoches

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

On motion by Mayor Arceneaux that was seconded by Mayor White, the Minutes of the August 15, 2022, Special Board of Directors Meeting, copies of which were in Members’ packets, were unanimously approved as circulated to Board members.

On motion by Mayor White that was seconded by Mr. Stewart, the ratification of the final actions authorized by the Operating Committee at the meeting of such Committee held on June 16 and July 21, 2022 was passed with unanimous approval.

General Manager Bihm then reported on wholesale power costs and residential retail rates as set forth in documents in Members’ packets. He reported that the 12 month strip for natural gas was at \$7.42. He further reported that for the last month, the strip for natural gas was at \$7.12.

Assistant General Manager Bergeron then gave an update on Rodemacher Unit No. 2.

General Manager Bihm then reported on contract linework services for LEPA members. The committee consists of Greg Labbe', Ernest Brown, Jonathan Paul, Travis Bourgoyne, David Bergeron, and Kevin Bihm. There were 2 companies the committee met with: Dashiell Corporation, and Southern Power. LEPA Staff also met with LineTec. LEPA will work on an RFP before end of the year.

General Manager Bihm then discussed the 2022 Hurricane Season as set forth in documents in Members' packets.

General Manager Bihm then reported on LEPA lineman training. Randall Reed took pictures from the class and were included in the city newsletters. A copy of the Vidalia newsletter was included in Members' packets. The City of Rayne added a lineman to the training.

General Manager Bihm then reported on the Proposed 2023 LEPA budgets, which were included in Members' packets. General Manager Bihm discussed the changes in the budget for Rodemacher. He then discussed the budget for FRS members. Adding the City of St. Martinville will cause a decrease in the demand rate for 2023. The budget for LEPA Unit 1 will be discussed at Unit No. 1 Participants Committee meeting.

There being no for the business to come before the Board of Directors, on motion by Mayor Robichaux that was seconded by Mayor White, the Members of the Board of Directors unanimously vote to adjourn the meeting.

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Chairman

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Secretary