

**MINUTES OF LEPA UNIT NO. 1 PARTICIPANTS COMMITTEE MEETING OF  
LOUISIANA ENERGY AND POWER AUTHORITY (LEPA)  
HELD AT THE OFFICES OF LEPA IN  
LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA ON FEBRUARY 2, 2023.**

The members of the LEPA Unit No. 1 Participants Committee attended a scheduled meeting on February 2, 2023 at the LEPA Administrative Building, 210 Venture Way, Lafayette, Louisiana after due notice of said meeting.

Present for the LEPA Unit No. 1 Participants Committee were:

Mayor Buz Craft, representing the City of Vidalia  
Mayor Edwin “Ed” Reeves, representing the City of Plaquemine  
Mayor Charles “Chuck” Robichaux, representing the City of Rayne  
Mr. Ernest Brown, representing the City of Houma

Absent:

Mayor Lee Dragna, representing the City of Morgan City  
Mayor Loria Hollins. representing the Town of Jonesville

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

General Manager Bihm then reported that Mr. Stewart of the City of Lafayette is the Vice-Chairman of the LEPA Board of Directors, but the City of Lafayette is not a Participant in LEPA Unit #1. He further reported that the Committee must elect a Secretary-Treasurer. On motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mr. Brown, the Members of such Committee unanimously voted to elect Mayor Robichaux as Secretary-Treasurer.

On motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mayor Robichaux, the Minutes of the December 6, 2022, meeting of the Committee, copies of which were in Members’ packets, were unanimously approved as circulated to Committee members.

Assistant General Manager Bergeron then gave an update on LEPA Unit No.1 Operations. He reported that there was a problem with the icing system which caused a cessation of operations until the following week. It was caused by the cold snap in late December. That problem was resolved. The Siemens unit then became inoperable. That problem was resolved. The pumps in the steam unit started to malfunction. Parts were received on January 26. That problem was resolved. As of the date of the meeting, Unit No.1 was operational. General Manager Bihm then explained that the heavy icing was caused by cold weather. He further explained that the issues caused by the heavy icing created increased costs which will increase electricity rates to be spread out over time.

General Manager Bihm then gave an update on property insurance. He reported that LEPA's last renewal with AEGIS had a provision for \$10 million in coverage for a named windstorm. Thus, LEPA had to procure supplemental named windstorm coverage, which resulted in additional premiums. Randall Bonaventure, LEPA's insurance agent then reported on the status of property insurance. He reported that the company that is presently providing additional named windstorm coverage won't quote the same coverage for the upcoming renewal at this time. Mr. Bonaventure reported that he is shopping the market for additional named windstorm coverage to replace what is now in effect.

General Manager Bihm then reported on the Tenth Supplement to the Professional Services Agreement with Legend Consulting Group Limited for performance of the 2023 Consulting Engineer's Report for LEPA Unit No. 1, copies of which were in Members' packets. He reported that the report is required by the bond covenant. On motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mayor Robichaux, the Members of such Committee unanimously authorized LEPA staff to execute the Agreement.

General Manager Bihm then recommended that the Committee voted to go into Executive Session pursuant to La. R. S. 42:17 to discuss commercially sensitive information and strategies protected by La. R.S. 44.1, et seq including La. R.S. 44:3.3. On motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mayor Robichaux, the Members of such Committee voted to enter into said Executive Session. The roll call votes were as follows.

Yeas:

Mayor Craft  
Mayor Reeves  
Mayor Robichaux  
Mr. Brown

Nays:

None

Thus, the motion carried by a unanimous vote and the Committee voted to go into Executive Session, Mr. Brown made a motion that Mr. Jules Hebert, City-Parish Attorney for the City of Houma/Terrebonne Consolidated Government attend the Executive Session. The Members of such Committee unanimously voted that Mr. Hebert attend the Executive Session. The attendees then left the Board room for the Executive Session.

After the Executive Session, the attendees then returned to the Board room.

On motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mr. Brown, the Members of such Committee then voted to go out of Executive Session.

Yeas:

Mayor Craft  
Mayor Reeves  
Mayor Robichaux  
Mr. Brown

Nays:

None

Thus, the motion carried by a unanimous vote, and the Committee came out of Executive Session.

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

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Chairman

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Sec.-Treasurer