

**MINUTES OF LEPA OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING OF
LOUISIANA ENERGY AND POWER AUTHORITY (LEPA)
HELD AT THE OFFICES OF LEPA IN LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA ON
FEBRUARY 16, 2023.**

The members of the LEPA Operating Committee held a meeting on February 16, 2023, at the LEPA Administrative Building, 210 Venture Way, Lafayette, Louisiana after due notice of said meeting.

Present for the Operating Committee were:

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

Absent:

Mayor Jason Willis, representing the City of St. Martinville

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 Craft, the Members of the Committee unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the January 19, 2023 LEPA Operating Committee meeting, copies of which were in Members’ packets.

General Manager Bihm then gave a report on wholesale power costs as set forth in the documents in Members’ packets. He reported that one document showed the wholesale power costs for December of 2022, and another document showed wholesale power costs for the entire year of 2022. He then reported on residential retail rates as set forth in the documents in Members’ packets. He then been reported on the chart in Members’ packets setting forth natural gas prices. He reported that the 12 months trip was at \$3.23 on the day of the meeting, and one year ago it was at \$4.27.

General Manager Bihm then gave an update on Rodemacher Unit No.2. he reported that there is a scheduled outage for February 23rd through April 2nd. He reported that they are adequate coal deliveries and there is adequate coal in the coal pile.

General Manager Bihm then gave an update on wholesale electric costs for the City of Natchitoches as set forth in the documents in Members’ packets and the potential savings to the City of Natchitoches had they decided to become a Full Requirements Service Member.

General Manager Bihm then reported on a proposed Member City Salary Survey, copies of which were in Members’ packets. There then ensued a general discussion about the contents of the survey in terms of which positions the Members chose to be part of the survey.

General Manager Bihm and Siedarius Green then gave a presentation on member city residential electricity bill adders as set forth in the documents in Members' packets.

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

Chairman

Sec.-Treasurer