

**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 MARCH 16, 2023.**

The members of the Board of Directors held a meeting on March 16, 2023, 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  
Mayor Karl Arceneaux, Director, representing the City of Welsh  
Mr. Gary Moreland, Director, representing the City of Minden  
Mayor Charles “Chuck” Robichaux, Director, representing the City of Rayne  
Mayor Michael “Mike” Kloesel, Director, representing the City of Kaplan  
Mayor Loria Hollins, Director, representing the Town of Jonesville  
Mr. Ernest Brown, Alternate Director, representing the City of Houma  
Mayor Marcus Renfrow, Director, representing the Town of Vinton  
Mr. Jeffrey Stewart, Director, representing the City of Lafayette  
Mayor Theron Smith, Director, representing the City of New Roads  
Mayor Buz Craft, Director, representing the City of Vidalia  
Mr. Matt Anderson, Director, representing the City of Natchitoches  
Mayor Jude Reese, Director, representing the Town of Gueydan  
Ms. Carol Frederick, Alternate Director, representing the City of St. Martinville

Absent:

Mayor Lee Dragna, Director, representing the City of Morgan City  
Mayor Taylor Mencacci, Director, representing the Town of Erath  
Mayor Edwin “Ed” Reeves, Director, representing the City of Plaquemine  
Mr. Jeff Hall, Director, representing the City of Alexandria  
Mayor Roslyn White, Director, representing the City of Abbeville

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

On motion by Mayor Kloesel that was seconded by Mayor Reese, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to approve the final actions authorized by the Operating Committee on January 19, 2023.

On motion by Mayor Arceneaux that was seconded by Mayor Reese, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2023 meeting of the Board of Directors.

General Manager Bihm then gave a report 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 \$3.18 as set forth in the documents in Members' packets. The daily price at the Henry Hub was \$2.45.

Assistant General Manager David Bergeron then gave an update on Rodemacher Unit No. 2. He reported that the unit has been out on its annual spring outage since February 23 and is on schedule to be back online by April 2.

General Manager Bihm then gave an update on upcoming LEPA lineman training lab as set forth in the documents in Members' packets. He also thanked the City of Lafayette for allowing other LEPA Cities to participate in an LUS safety meeting.

General Manager Bihm then gave an update regarding the wholesale power supply to the City of Natchitoches via a visual presentation.

General Manager Bihm then reported on a "Notice of Default" issued to the City of New Roads. He reported that LEPA staff had met with the newly-elected Mayor regarding the City having 3 months of past-due FRS invoices. A copy of the 'Notice of Default' letter from General Manager Bihm to Mayor Smith was included in the Members' packets. General Manager Bihm reported that since receipt of the letter, New Roads had paid most, but not all, of the past-due amount. Mayor Theron Smith of New Roads then responded to the Board with reasons. On motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mayor Robichaux, the Members of the Board of Directors unanimously voted to take no action at that time and to allow New Roads to pay the arrears down to a zero balance.

General Manager Bihm then reported on the Lafayette Utilities System Electric Storm Response and Recovery Summit described in the document in Members' packets. Mr. Stewart of the City of Lafayette then described the event and reported that it should take place on April 26 and 27.

General Manager Bihm then reported on the Member City Salary Survey to be mailed out, copies of which were in Members' packets.

General Manager Bihm then reported on LEPA Member City Residential Electric Rate Adder Graphs, copies of which were in Members' packets.

General Manager Bihm then reported on the upcoming American Public Power Association Lineman Rodeo to be held in Lafayette via a visual presentation. Jeff Stewart of the City of Lafayette then explained that the Rodeo will be held April 4 – 6, 2024 and invited all interested persons to attend.

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

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Chairman

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Secretary