

**MINUTES OF LEPA OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING OF
LOUISIANA ENERGY AND POWER AUTHORITY (LEPA)
HELD AT THE OFFICES OF LEPA IN LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA ON
APRIL 20, 2023.**

The members of the LEPA Operating Committee held a meeting on April 20, 2023, at the LEPA Administrative Building, 210 Venture Way, Lafayette, Louisiana after due notice of said meeting.

Present for the Operating Committee were:

Mayor Charles “Chuck” Robichaux – Secretary-Treasurer, representing the City of Rayne
Mayor Buz Craft, representing the City of Vidalia
Mayor Jason Willis, representing the City of St. Martinville

Absent:

Mayor Edwin “Ed” Reeves - Chairman, representing the City of Plaquemine
Mr. Jeffrey Stewart – Vice Chairman, representing the City of Lafayette

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 Craft that was seconded by Mayor Willis the Members of the Operating Committee unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2023 and March 16, 2023 Operating Committee meetings, copies of which were in Members’ packets. The vote was unanimous.

General Manager Bihm reported on wholesale power costs and residential retail rates as set forth in the Members’ packets. He reported on the February wholesale rates as well as the rates for the last 12 months. He further reported that the City of Minden had the highest wholesale rates. The City of Kaplan had the second lowest wholesale rates, although he explained that Kaplan’s wholesale rates have experienced a lot of fluctuation over the past 3 months. He reported that the 12-month strip for natural gas at the Henry Hub was at \$3.01, and the strip for the previous 12 months ago was at \$6.89.

Assistant General Manager David Bergeron gave an update on Rodemacher Unit No. 2. The scheduled outage was completed 3 days earlier than the original date and is back online as of April 2, 2023.

General Manager Bihm then gave a reminder for the LUS Electric Utility Storm Response and Recovery Summit on April 26 and 27.

General Manager Bihm then reported on Member City Salary Survey. He indicated that the results of the survey will be presented at the Board of Directors meeting in May.

General Manager Bihm discussed information from Cornerstone with a summary of bills being considered that may be of interest to members. Copies of the bill summaries were in Members' packets.

General Manager Bihm requested approval for an agreement with Reliability Management Consulting to service LEPA for NERC compliance. Information was provided in Members' packets. On motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mayor Willis the Members of the Operating Committee unanimously voted to approve the agreement.

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

Chairman

Sec.-Treasurer