

**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 MAY 18, 2023.**

The members of the Board of Directors held a meeting on May 18, 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 Town of Welsh
Mr. Gary “Moe” 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 Jason Willis, Director, representing the City of St. Martinville
Mayor Marcus Renfrow, Director, representing the Town of Vinton
Mr. Greg Labbe’, Alternate Director, representing the City of Lafayette
Mayor Theron Smith, representing the City of New Roads
Mayor Buz Craft, Director, representing the Town of Vidalia
Mayor Jude Reese, Director, representing the Town of Gueydan
Mayor Jason Willis, Director, representing the City of St. Martinville.
Mr. Brady Broussard, Alternate Director, representing the City of Abbeville.
Ms. Alainna Mire, Alternate Director, representing the City of Alexandria.
Mr. Scott Bernard, Alternate Director, representing the Town of Erath
Mayor Edwin “Ed” Reeves, Director, representing the City of Plaquemine
Mayor Loria Hollins, Director, representing the Town of Jonesville

Absent:

Mayor -President Gordon E. Dove, Director, representing the City of Houma
Mayor Lee Dagna, Director, representing the City of Morgan City
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 Reese that was seconded by Mayor Craft, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to approve the final actions authorized by the Operating Committee at the meetings of such Committee held on February 16, 2023 and March 16, 2023.

On motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mayor Kloesel, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the March 16,2023 meeting of the Board of Directors. Mayor Reeves pointed out that the minutes showed that he was absent. The minutes did not show that Mr. Bourgoyne was actually present. On motion by Mayor Renfrow that was seconded by Mayor Kloesel, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to authorize that the minutes be corrected to show that Mr. Bourgoyne was present as Alternate for Plaquemine and Mayor Reeves be removed from the “Absent:” list.

General Manager Bihm then reported on wholesale power costs set forth in the documents in Members' packets. He reported that the first page shows wholesale power costs for the month of March 2023. He further reported that costs incurred by the Town of Vinton have been included. The second page shows wholesale power costs for the last 12 months. Additionally, he reported that the documents in Members' packets included residential rates. He reported that the Henry Hub daily price was \$2.26 on May 18, 2023; last month it was \$2.22; a year ago it was \$8.45. The 12-month strip for May 18, 2023, was \$3.06; the previous month it was at \$3.05; a year ago, the 12 month strip was at \$7.73. All of that information was in the documents in Members' packets.

Assistant General Manager Bergeron then gave an update on Rodemacher Unit Mo. 2. He reported that the unit was up and running and there was sufficient coal available.

General Manager Bihm then reported on the status of the City of New Roads. He reported that New Roads was no longer in arrears as set forth in the document in Members' packets and congratulated the city. Mayor Smith expressed his appreciation for the help and consideration provided by the LEPA Board.

General Manager Bihm then reported on a news article about Walmart's plans to install electric vehicle chargers in stores across the country as set forth in the document in Members' packets.

General Manager Bihm then reported on the member city salary survey results, copies of which were in Members' packets.

General Manager Bihm then reported on a bulletin from the American Public Power Association about federal legislation being considered to provide FEMA reimbursement to public entities for interest expenses incurred for disaster-related loans as set forth in the document in Members' packets.

Ashley Rodriguez, Public Affairs Director for the State Fire Marshal's Office, then gave a slide presentation on public information notices, copies of which were in Members' packets.

General Manager Bihm then reported on a LEPA emergency phone listing, copies of which were in Members' packets.

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

Chairman

Secretary