

**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 April 11, 2023.**

The members of the LEPA Unit No. 1 Participants Committee attended a scheduled meeting on April 11, 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.

On motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mayor Robichaux, the Minutes of the February 2, 2023, 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 the unit was taken offline on February 9. The Stage 2 nozzle assembly was shipped to GE on February 20. The repaired nozzle assembly was back on site on March 30. GE will be on site April 12 to assemble the Stage 2 nozzle assembly and place it back in the CT. The unit is expected to return to service on April 20. GE will perform water testing for NOx and Sprint. ABB will perform boiler tuning. Testing and tuning is expected to take 1-2 days. General Manager Bihm reminded Members this option from GE was chosen due to it having the lowest cost, although the unit had to be down for 60 days. GE had an opening at the depot in Houston that could start the work.

General Manager Bihm then gave an update on property insurance. He reported that the renewal date is April 14. The original policy included \$25 million for named windstorm coverage. The insurance carrier no longer had enough capacity and could only provide \$10 million in coverage for windstorm. Thus, LEPA had to procure supplemental windstorm coverage. Copies of the insurance renewal quotes from AEGIS and AMRISC, and a total of the two, were in Members’ packets.

Randall Bonaventure, LEPA's insurance agent, then reported on the status of property insurance. He reported that LEPA 1 has been offered options with AEGIS. Option 1 allows LEPA to leave the total insured value the same, and the rate will increase 10%. Option 2 raises the total insured value from \$105 million to \$146 million with a rate increase of 4%. AEGIS Option 1 and the AMRISC wind supplement would set the total cost at \$1.39 million. Alternatively, AEGIS is potentially increasing the named windstorm coverage on the current policy, which could allow LEPA to forgo the AMRISC supplemental policy. The amount AEGIS is willing to increase the named windstorm coverage is expected to be received this afternoon. Absent AEGIS coming back with additional wind capacity, renewal Option 1 combined with the AMRISC supplemental is the recommended action. If AEGIS offers an additional \$10 million in windstorm coverage, for less than \$200,000, the recommendation is for LEPA 1 to accept that proposal. If AEGIS offers an additional \$15 million in wind coverage, for less than \$250,000, the recommendation is for LEPA 1 to accept that proposal. On motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mayor Robichaux, the Members of such Committee unanimously authorized LEPA staff to obtain property insurance coverage contingent on the additional amount in windstorm coverage AEGIS is willing to offer. The roll call votes were as follows:

Yeas:

Mayor Craft
Mayor Reeves
Mayor Robichaux
Mr. Brown

Nays:

None.

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. Mr. Brown made a motion that was seconded by Mayor Craft to allow Mr. Jules Hebert, City-Parish Attorney for the City of Houma/Terrebonne Consolidated Government to attend the Executive Session. The Members of such Committee unanimously voted that Mr. Hebert attend the Executive Session. On motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mayor Robichaux, the Members of such Committee unanimously voted to enter said 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. 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 Mr. Brown that was seconded by Mayor Craft, the Members of the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman

Sec.-Treasurer