

**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 JULY 20, 2023**

The members of the Board of Directors held a meeting on July 20, 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
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 Marcus Renfrow, Director, representing the Town of Vinton
Mr. Jeff Stewart, Director, representing the City of Lafayette
Mr. Paul Seawell, Alternate Director, representing the City of New Roads.
Mayor Buz Craft, Director, representing the Town of Vidalia
Mr. Brady Broussard, Alternate Director, representing the City of Abbeville.
Ms. Alainna Mire, Alternate Director, representing the City of Alexandria.
Mayor Taylor Mencacci, Director, representing the Town of Erath
Mr. Travis Bourgoyne, Alternate Director, representing the City of Plaquemine
Mayor Loria Hollins, Director, representing the Town of Jonesville
Mayor Lee Dragna, Director, representing the City of Morgan City
Mr. Ernest Brown, Alternate Director representing the City of Houma
Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., Director, representing the City of Natchitoches

Absent:

Mayor Jason Willis, Director, representing the City of St. Martinville
Mayor Jude Reese, Director, representing the Town of Gueydan
Mayor Karl Arceneaux, Director, representing the Town of Welsh

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

On motion by Mayor Robichaux that was seconded by Mayor Kloesel, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to approve the final actions authorized by the Operating Committee at the meeting of such Committee held on April 20, 2023.

On motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Ms. Mire, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2023, meeting of the Board of Directors.

General Manager Bihm then reported on wholesale power costs for May 2023 and the previous 12 months as set forth in the documents in Members’ packets. He reported that the documents in Members’ packets also included residential rate comparisons for June 2023.

General Manager Bihm reported that on the day of the meeting the Henry Hub daily price for natural gas was \$2.52/MMBTU and the 12-month strip was \$3.14/MMBTU. The daily price a

month ago (June 20, 2023) was \$2.14/MMBTU and the 12-month strip was \$3.21. The daily price a year ago (July 20, 2022) was \$7.57 and the 12-month strip was \$6.85.

Assistant General Manager David Bergeron then gave an update on Rodemacher Unit No. 2. He reported that there will be a temporary plant outage. He also reported that there was a train derailment on June 22, 2023. He also reported that tornadic activity at the Wyoming coal mine had caused some disruption, but the plant has plenty of coal in inventory.

General Manager Bihm then reported that the joint owners have been contemplating whether or not the plant will be decommissioned or converted to burn natural gas in 2028. A final decision will be made in the near future.

General Manager Bihm then reported on the Town of Erath. He reported that Erath has expressed an interest in purchasing the substation property from Entergy.

General Manager Bihm then reported on the status of the City of Ruston. He reported that there will be a meeting of the City Council in August as to whether or not a referendum for Ruston to join LEPA will be on the November ballot.

General Manager Bihm then presented former Mayor Mark Piazza of Abbeville with a LEPA Distinguished Service Award plaque in recognition for his 32 years of service on the LEPA Board of Directors.

Greg Labbe and Jason Miller of Lafayette then gave a Power Point presentation on the FEMA Process “Experience in Reimbursement.” Copies of the slides were in Members’ packets.

General Manager Bihm then reported on House Resolution No. 155 to create a study group to study the barriers to deploying broadband across public and private property. General Manager Bihm then suggested that Mr. Jeff Stewart of Lafayette be LEPA’s designated nominee on the study group to represent the LEPA Membership. On motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mayor Robichaux, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to designate Mr. Stewart as its designee on the study group.

General Manager Bihm then reported on the calendar that was in Members’ packets. He reported that The Energy Authority will be holding a MISO User Group in Lafayette on September 21, 2023, which will present a conflict with the LEPA Board meeting scheduled for that date. He recommended that the Board meeting be rescheduled to September 14, 2023. On motion by Mr. Broussard that was seconded by Ms. Mire, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to reschedule the LEPA 2023 September Board meeting from the 21st to the 14th.

Mr. Stewart then advised that the City of Lafayette has a hurricane handbook that was distributed to Board members.

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

Chairman

Secretary