

**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
AUGUST 31, 2023.**

The members of the LEPA Unit No. 1 Participants Committee attended a scheduled meeting on August 31, 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 Town of Vidalia
Mayor Charles “Chuck” Robichaux, representing the City of Rayne
Mr. Ernest Brown, representing the City of Houma
Mayor Loria Hollins, representing the Town of Jonesville

Absent:

Mayor Edwin “Ed” Reeves, representing the City of Plaquemine
Mayor Lee Dragna, representing the City of Morgan City

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On motion by Mr. Brown that was seconded by Mayor Craft, the Minutes of the April 11, 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 shrouds and nozzles were sent to General Electric after the unit was taken off line. A month later parts were returned to LEPA Unit No. 1.. General Electric technicians were on site on April 13, 2023. It took approximately three weeks to get the unit back online. It was online as of May 7, 2023. The total charges were \$500,000 for the depot work and \$213,000 for labor. GE paid \$84,000 of the labor charges plus three weeks of unexpected labor. He reported that last fall, a NOx pump and motor had been shipped out for repairs. Thus, the Unit was down to one pump and motor. In June the second pump went down. General Electric had offered a new pump and motor for purchase. He further reported that the Authority purchased the pump from GE for \$145,000.

He further reported that the hot section of the unit has 17,000 hours on it.

General Manager Bihm then reported on consideration into going into an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation by a former employee. On motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mayor Robichaux, the Committee unanimously voted to go into Executive Session.

The votes were as follows:

Yeas:

Mayor Robichaux
Mayor Craft
Mr. Brown
Mayor Hollins

Nays:

None

Thus, the Committee went into Executive Session.

On motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mayor Hollins, the Committee unanimously voted to come out of Executive Session. The votes were as follows:

Yeas:

Mayor Robichaux
Mayor Craft
Mr. Brown
Mayor Hollins

Nays:

None.

General Manager Bihm then reported on the proposed budget. He reported that the 2024 Proposed Budget for LEPA Unit No. 1 will be emailed out to the Committee Members to be considered for approval at the next Participants Committee Meeting.

Assistant General Manager Bergeron then reported on highlights of the proposed budget. He reported on the steam turbine minor inspection. He reported that the CEMS unit will need to be replaced. There will be HMI upgrades and other capital outlays in the budget.

He reported that the hot section will probably need to be exchanged next year.

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

Vice-Chairman

Sec.-Treasurer