

**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 JANUARY 18, 2024.**

The members of the Board of Directors held a meeting on January 18, 2024, 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 Moreland, Director, representing the City of Minden
Mayor Charles “Chuck” Robichaux, Director, representing the City of Rayne
Mr. Jeff Stewart, Director, representing the City of Lafayette
Mayor Buz Craft, Director, representing the Town of Vidalia
Mayor Taylor Mencacci, Director, representing the Town of Erath
Mayor Loria Hollins, Director, representing the Town of Jonesville
Mr. Ernest Brown, Alternate Director, representing the City of Houma
Mayor Jason Willis, Director, representing the City of St. Martinville
Mayor Marcus Renfrow, Director, representing the Town of Vinton
Mayor Karl Arceneaux, Director, representing the Town of Welsh
Ms. Natasha Johnson, Director, representing the City of Plaquemine
Mayor Roslyn White, Director, representing the City of Abbeville
Mr. Matt Anderson, Director, representing the City of Natchitoches
Mayor Theron Smith, Director, representing the City of New Roads
Mayor Michael “Mike” Kloesel, Director, representing the City of Kaplan
Mayor Lee Dragna, Director, representing the City of Morgan City
Mayor Jude Reese, Director, representing the Town of Gueydan

Absent:

Ms. Alainna Mire, Alternate Director, representing the City of Alexandria

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

General Manager Bihm reported on the annual transference of power. He reported that Mr. Stewart, as Vice-Chairman, will be the Chairman for 2024. Mayor Robichaux, as Secretary-Treasurer, will be the Vice Chairman for 2024. On motion by Mayor White that was seconded by Mayor Hollins, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to open the floor for nominations for Secretary-Treasurer. On motion by Mayor Robichaux that was seconded by Mayor White, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to accept Mayor Willis as Secretary-Treasurer, with an abstention by Mayor Willis. The Board of Directors then unanimously voted to ratify Chairman Stewart’s appointments of Mayor Arceneaux and Mayor Craft as 2024 Members of the Operating Committee with Mayor Arceneaux and Mayor Craft abstaining.

On motion by Mayor White that was seconded by Mayor Arceneaux, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to approve the final actions authorized by the Operating Committee at the meeting of such Committee held on October 19, 2023.

On motion by Mayor White that was seconded by Mayor Craft, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2023, meeting of the Board of Directors.

General Manager Bihm then reported on wholesale power costs as set forth in the documents in Members' packets.

General Manager Bihm then reported that the price of natural gas on the day of the meeting at the Henry Hub was \$2.88/MMBTU, and the 12-month strip was \$2.96/MMBTU. He further reported that a month ago, the price of natural gas was at \$2.59/MMBTU, and the 12-month strip was at \$2.67/MMBTU. All this information was in the documents in Members's packets. He further reported that a year ago, the price of natural gas was at \$3.11/MMBTU, and the 12 month strip a year ago was at \$3.55/MMBTU.

Assistant General Manager David Bergeron then gave an update on Rodemacher Unit No. 2. He reported that there was an outage with the unit from January 4 to January 6, and then another outage from January 13 to January 17. The unit is on and there is plenty of coal on the ground.

General Manager Bihm then reported on a request for authorization to surplus a 2010 Ford F-150 pickup truck with 238,328 miles, as set forth in the document in Members' packets. On motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mayor White, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to authorize LEPA staff to list the old truck as surplus.

General Manager Bihm then reported on the Resolution requesting an opinion from the Louisiana Attorney General regarding providing Local Balancing Authority services to municipalities that are in MISO but not in the LEPA organization and the opinion from the Attorney General's office, copies of which were in Members' packets.

General Manager Bihm then reported on House Resolution 155 addressing broadband for underserved areas and the latest developments at the most recent meeting.

General Manager Bihm then reported on a request for approval of a resolution to accept the City of Ruston as a Member of the Louisiana Energy and Power Authority. On motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mayor White, the Board of Directors unanimously voted by roll call to accept the City of Ruston as a member of LEPA. Because the enabling legislation provides that in order for a new city to become a member, all of the current members of LEPA must vote and the vote must be unanimous, and the City of Alexandria was not in attendance at the meeting, a special meeting may be held to allow the City of Alexandria to vote on the subject.

General Manager Bihm then reported on a proposed intergovernmental agreement between LEPA and the Town of Jonesville, copies of which were in Members' packets. On motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mayor Arceneaux, the Board of Directors unanimously voted by roll call vote to approve the proposed intergovernmental agreement.

General Manager Bihm then reported on a request for approval of the Full Requirement Service Agreement between the City of Abbeville, copies of which were in Members' packets. On motion by Mayor Craft that was second by Mayor Kloesel, the Board of Directors unanimously voted by roll call vote to approve the Agreement, with Mayor White abstaining.

General Manager Bihm then reported on a request for approval of a Full Requirement Incentive Agreement between the City of Abbeville and LEPA, copies of which were in Members'

packets. On motion by Mayor Dragna that was seconded by Mayor Robichaux, the Board of Directors unanimously voted by roll call to approve the Agreement, with Mayor White abstaining.

General Manager Bihm then reported on a request for approval of a Full Requirement Service Agreement between the Town of Gueydan and LEPA, copies of which were in Members' packets. On motion by Mayor White that was seconded by Mayor Craft, the Board of Directors unanimously voted by roll call to approve the Agreement, with Mayor Reese abstaining.

General Manager Bihm then reported on a request for approval of a Full Requirement Incentive Agreement between the Town of Gueydan and LEPA, copies of which were in Members' packets. On motion by Mayor White that was seconded by Mayor Dragna, the Board of Directors unanimously voted by roll call to approve the Agreement, with Mayor Reese abstaining.

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

Chairman

Secretary