

**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 NOVEMBER
28, 2023.**

The members of the LEPA Unit No. 1 Participants Committee attended a scheduled meeting on November 28, 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
Mr. Ernest Brown, representing the City of Houma
Mayor Loria Hollins, representing the Town of Jonesville
Mr. Paul Seawell, representing the City of Plaquemine

Absent:

Mayor Charles “Chuck” Robichaux, representing the City of Rayne
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 Mr. Seawell, the Minutes of the August 31, 2023 meeting of the Committee, copies of which were in Members’ packets, were unanimously approved as circulated to Committee members.

Mr. Joe Rogers with Legend Consulting then reported on LEPA Unit No. 1 operations. He reported that the unit was currently on its fall outage. Joe Rogers, LEPA’s engineer, then reported on the fall outage. He reported that GE maintenance needed to be accelerated. The outage commenced on October 30. He reported that the steam turbine needed an oil change. The sample panel was updated. The water treatment plant was clean and upgraded with equipment. The synchronization switch for the CTG was upgraded. Other parts of the unit were inspected. The CTG was analyzed with a borescope. He reported that the Contract Service Agreement allowed LEPA to pay only from 18,000 fired hours to 25,000 fired hours. Thus, the cost will be for approximately 1/3 of the usual cost. The projected cost for the hot section will be approximately \$1,200,000. The projected cost for the combustor will be approximately \$450,000. He then presented a schematic of the turbine. He reported that the borescope report indicated that the turbine was unusable. I said forth on the document presented on-screen. He then showed photos of the blades showing erosion of the thermal barrier coating. He reported that GE had already shipped a hot section which is presently on site at the plant.

He reported that there is a possibility of increasing premium pricing in MISO to assist in paying for the repairs that need to be done. That money that can be put into a contingency fund for the future.

He then discussed acquiring new VIGV hardware. He further reported that if work will be done, it should commence in mid-December.

The committee then voted to go into executive session to discuss potential litigation by the federal Equal Opportunity Commission and/or a private individual formerly employed at the LEPA Unit No. 1 facility in Morgan City, Louisiana. On motion by Mr. Seawell that was seconded by Mr. Brown, the members of the committee unanimously voted to go into executive session. The votes were as follow:

Yeas:

Mayor Craft
Mr. Brown
Mayor Hollins
Mr. Seawell

Nays:

None

There was a request by Houma that its general counsel, Mr. Hebert, attend the session. The members of the Committee unanimously voted that he attend.

Thus, the Committee went into executive session.

The Committee returned from the executive session.

On motion by Mayor Hollins that was seconded by Mr. Seawell, the members of the Committee unanimously voted to come out of executive session. The votes were as follows:

Yeas:

Mayor Craft
Mr. Brown
Mayor Hollins
Mr. Seawell

Nays:

None

General Manager Bihm then reported on a proposed budget for 2024 for LEPA Unit No. 1, copies of which were in Members' packets. He reported that the proposed budget included, renewals and replacements, including a hot section exchange. He further reported that the proposed budget included the recommended updates to the VIGV. The budget showed an increase from the 2023 budget. On motion by Mr. Seawell that was seconded by Mr. Brown, the Members of the Committee unanimously voted to adopt the proposed budget.

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

Chairman

Sec.-Treasurer