

**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 MARCH 27,
2024.**

The members of the LEPA Unit No. 1 Participants Committee attended a scheduled meeting on March 27, 2024, 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-President Bergeron, representing the City of Houma
Mayor Loria Hollins, representing the Town of Jonesville
Mayor Charles “Chuck” Robichaux, representing the City of Rayne
Mayor Lee Dragna, representing the City of Morgan City

Absent:

Ms. Natasha Johnson, representing the City of Plaquemine

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

General Manager Bihm then explained the procedure for election of a Vice-Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer. He explained that because Mr. Stewart is Chairman of the Board of LEPA, but the City of Lafayette is not a Participant in LEPA Unit No. 1, Mayor Robichaux of the City of Rayne, as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors is now Chairman of the Participants Committee. On motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mayor Dragna, the Members of the Committee unanimously voted to open the floor to nominations for Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer of the Participants Committee. On motion by Mayor Robichaux that was seconded by Mayor Dragna, the Members of the Committee unanimously voted by roll call vote to elect Mayor Craft as Vice-Chairman of the Committee. The votes were as follows:

Ayes:

President Bergeron
Mayor Robichaux
Mayor Craft
Mayor Dragna

Nays:

None

On motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by President Bergeron. The Members of the Committee unanimously voted via roll call vote to elect Mayor Hollins as Secretary/Treasurer of the Participants Committee. The votes were as follows.

Ayes:

President Bergeron
Mayor Robichaux
Mayor Craft
Mayor Dragna

Nays:

None

On motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by President Bergeron, the Minutes of the November 28, 2023, meeting of the Committee, copies of which were in Members' packets, were unanimously approved as circulated to Committee Members.

Assistant General Manager David Bergeron then gave an update on LEPA Unit No. 1 operations. He reported that during the prior meeting, there was a fall outage for GE to perform a hot section exchange which took place from October 30 through January 12. On January 12, the unit was started. A pallet of parts was discovered. LEPA learned that GE had not installed a new part. The plan was for GE to install the new part during the first week of May at the cost of GE. Presently, the unit is up and running. A couple of minor repairs have taken place in the interim.

The Committee then gave consideration to enter an executive session as set forth in Item 6(b) of the Agenda. General Manager Bihm then gave a recommendation as to those persons who might be considered as necessary participants in the Executive Session. President Bergeron then made a motion that was seconded by Mayor Robichaux that counsel for Houma/Terrebonne Parish and the Chief Administrative Officer be in attendance. The Members of the Committee unanimously voted by roll call vote that the participants recommended by General Manager Bihm, counsel for Houma/Terrebonne Parish and the Chief Administrative Officer for Houma/Terrebonne Parish attend the Executive Session. The votes were as follows:

Ayes:

President Bergeron
Mayor Robichaux
Mayor Craft
Mayor Dragna

Nays:

None

On motion by President Bergeron that was seconded by Mayor Dragna, the Members of the Committee then unanimously voted by roll call vote to go into Executive Session. The votes were as follows:

Ayes:

President Bergeron
Mayor Robichaux
Mayor Craft
Mayor Dragna

Nays:

None

The Committee then went into Executive Session.

The Committee then returned from its Executive Session. On motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mayor Hollins, the Members of the Committee then unanimously voted to come out of Executive Session.

General Manager Bihm then reported on a request for approval of the Eleventh Supplement to the Professional Services Agreement with Legend Consulting Group Limited for performance of the 2023 Consulting Engineer's Report for LEPA Unit No. 1, copies of which were in Members' packets. He reported that staff recommends that the document be executed. On motion by Mayor Dragna that was seconded by Mayor Craft, the Members of the committee unanimously voted to authorize LEPA staff to execute the Agreement.

General Manager Bihm then reported on the renewal of property insurance on LEPA Unit No. 1, copies of which were in Members' packets. Randall Bonaventure of Alliant Insurance Services, Inc then gave an overview of what AEGIS had offered. The offer includes \$20 million in wind coverage. General Manager Bihm reported that the increase in premium was 7.9%, although LEPA had budgeted an 8% increase.

General Manager Bihm then reported on a Request for Proposals for a LEPA Unit No. 1 Decommissioning Study, copies of which were in Members' packets. He reported that the study is mandatory as per bond obligations. Joe Rogers of Legend Consulting then gave a brief report on an estimated timeline. On motion by President Bergeron that was seconded by Mayor Dragna, the Members of the Committee unanimously voted to authorize LEPA staff to issue the Request for Proposals.

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

Chairman

Sec.-Treasurer