

**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 SEPTEMBER 19, 2024.**

The members of the Board of Directors held a meeting on September 19, 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):

Mayor Roslyn White, Director, representing the City of Abbeville  
Mayor Theron Smith, Director, representing the City of New Roads  
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. Jeffrey Stewart, Director, representing the City of Lafayette  
Mayor Loria Hollins, Director, representing the Town of Jonesville  
Mayor Marcus Renfrow, Director, representing the Town of Vinton  
Mayor Karl Arceneaux, Director, representing the Town of Welsh  
Mayor Michael “Mike” Kloesel, Director, representing the City of Kaplan  
Mr. Andrew Halbrook, Director, representing the City of Ruston  
Mr. Matt Anderson, Director, representing the City of Natchitoches  
Mr. Marcus Connella, Director, representing the City of Alexandria  
Mayor Taylor Mencacci, Director, representing the Town of Erath  
Mr. Paul Seawell, Alternate Director, representing the City of Plaquemine

Absent:

Mayor Lee Dragna, Director, representing the City of Morgan City  
Mayor Jude Reese, Director, representing the Town of Gueydan  
Mayor Buz Craft, Director, representing the Town of Vidalia  
President Jason Bergeron, Director, representing the City of Houma/TPCG  
Mayor Jason Willis, Director, representing the City of St. Martinville

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 White, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to approve the final actions authorized by the Operating Committee at the meeting of such Committee held on June 27, 2024.

On motion by Mayor Arceneaux that was seconded by Mr. Seawell, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2024, meeting of the Board of Directors, as set forth in Members’ packets.

General Manager Bihm then recognized Mr. Connella as a new member of the Board from the City of Alexandria and noted his prior service and that of his father to the organization.

General Manager Bihm then reported that Kaitlyn Dyer will be attending her last meeting and he appreciates her service to the organization.

General Manager Bihm then reported on wholesale power costs as set forth in the documents in Members' packets. He reported on the wholesale power costs from July 2024 and for August 2023-July 2024. He also reported on residential rates as set forth in the documents in Members' packets.

General Manager Bihm then reported on the price of natural gas, as set forth in the documents in Members' packets. He reported that on the day of the meeting, the price at the Henry Hub was \$2.33/MMBTU, and the 12-month strip was \$2.94/MMBTU. He further reported that a month ago, the price of natural gas was \$2.11/MMBTU, and the 12-month strip was \$2.98/MMBTU. He further reported that a year ago, the price of natural gas was \$2.75/MMBTU and the 12-month strip was \$3.24/MMBTU. All this information was in the documents in Members' packets.

Assistant General Manager David Bergeron then gave an update on Rodemacher Unit No. 2. He reported that the unit is online and available. He further reported that the spring outage has been moved to October, and there will be an outage from October 10 through October 23.

General Manager Bihm then reported on the amicus brief filed by LEPA in the expropriation proceedings filed by Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government regarding a utilities servitude, and the appeal filed by Lafayette. Pertinent documents were in Members' packets. Thereafter, Patrick Wartelle, General Counsel for LEPA, then reported on the progress of the brief and litigation.

General Manager Bihm then reported on the LEPA AMI workshop held in August as described in the document in Members' packets.

General Manager Bihm then reported on aspects of Hurricane Francine as set forth in the documents in Members' packets.

General Manager Bihm then reported on LEPA Lineman Training sessions for 2022 and 2024 as set forth in the documents in Members' packets.

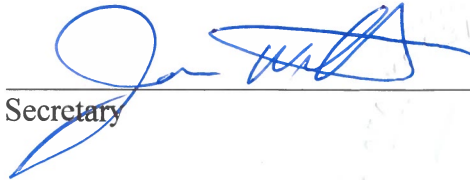
General Manager Bihm then reported on the request for proposals for power supply, and he went through a timeline as to what has transpired. He reported that on June 27, the Operating Committee gave approval to staff to issue a request for proposals. On July 1, the request was issued. On August 5, there were five responses, and three were successful. LEPA staff plans to meet with the successful bidders on September 23 and September 30 and will then report on those meetings.

General Manager Bihm then reported on the proposed 2025 budgets for Rodemacher Unit No. 2 and Full Requirements, copies of which were in Members' packets.

General Manager Bihm then reported on the APPA National Conference for 2025 to be held in New Orleans as described in the document in Members' packets. Mr. Stewart also provided additional information on the conference.

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

  
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Chairman

  
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Secretary

