

**MINUTES OF LEPA OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING OF
LOUISIANA ENERGY AND POWER AUTHORITY (LEPA)
HELD AT THE OFFICES OF LEPA IN LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA ON
AUGUST 15, 2024.**

The members of the LEPA Operating Committee held a meeting on August 15, 2024 at the LEPA Administrative Building, 210 Venture Way, Lafayette, Louisiana after due notice of said meeting.

Present for the Operating Committee were:

Mayor Charles "Chuck" Robichaux, Vice-Chairman, representing the City of Rayne
Mayor Buz Craft, representing the Town of Vidalia
Mr. Jeffrey Stewart, Chairman, representing the City of Lafayette

Absent:

Mayor Jason Willis, Secretary-Treasurer, representing the City of St. Martinville
Mayor Karl Arceneaux, representing the Town of Welsh

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

On motion by Mayor Craft that was seconded by Mayor Robichaux, the Members of the Operating Committee unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2024, Operating Committee meeting, copies of which were in Members' packets.

General Manager Bihm then reported on wholesale power costs as set forth in the documents in Members' packets. He reported on the June 2024 rates as well as the rates for the last 12 months. He then reported on residential rates as set forth in the documents in Members' packets.

General Manager Bihm then reported on a graph showing average residential prices by state, copies of which were in Members' packets.

He reported that on the day of the meeting, natural gas at the Henry Hub was \$2.18/MMBTU and the 12-month strip was \$3.02/MMBTU. Natural gas at the Henry Hub a year ago was \$2.66/MMBTU and the 12-month strip for natural gas at the Henry Hub a year ago was \$3.40/MMBTU. That 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 fully on-line and available. He further reported that there will be some emissions testing during the following week.

General Manager Bihm then reported on the 2024 session for lineman apprentice training as described in the Memorandum in Members' packets. He reported that the course will be a 2 ½ year course and registration closes on August 30, 2024.

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

General Counsel Patrick Wartelle then reported on the expropriation litigation in which Lafayette Consolidated Government is involved in an amicus curiae brief filed by LEPA.

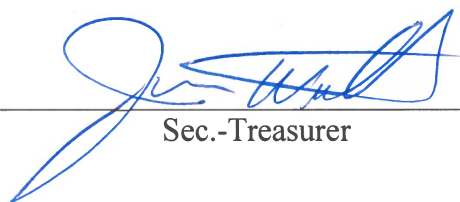
General Manager Bihm then reported that during the last meeting, the Committee authorized LEPA staff consulting engineer to issue a request for proposals for capacity and energy. Joe Rogers, the consulting engineer, then gave a brief update on that subject. He reported that he anticipates that proposals will be shortlisted by approximately early September. He reported that there were five separate bidders. General Manager Bihm then reported that any recommended action will be presented to the Board of Directors for consideration.

General Manager Bihm then reported that he had run for a board seat on MERS without success.

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



Chairman



Sec.-Treasurer