



Mayor Jason Willis of St. Martinville installed as LEPA 2026 Chairman; Mayor Chuck Robichaux of Rayne Recognized as Past Chairman

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City of St. Martinville Mayor Jason Willis has been named the Chairman of the Louisiana Energy and Power Authority (LEPA) Board of Directors for 2026. Willis has been on the Board for four years, and previously served as Vice Chairman in 2025 and Secretary/Treasurer in 2024.

“Jason is a proven Mayor working tirelessly to create positive change for the citizens of St. Martinville, and I know he will bring that same energy to the Chairman role at LEPA”, said General Manager Bihm.

Mayor Robichaux was recognized by the Board for his role as Chairman in 2025 during the Board’s January meeting. “2025 saw the LEPA organization kick off its Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), and LEPA also began serving wholesale electricity to the cities of Minden and Natchitoches in June of 2025 – both under Mayor Robichaux’s tenure as Chairman,” said LEPA General Manager Kevin Bihm.

Other officers include Mayor Roslyn White of Abbeville, Vice Chairman; Mayor Buz Craft of Vidalia, Secretary/Treasurer. The remaining LEPA Operating Committee members for 2026 include Mayor Mike Kloesel of Kaplan and Mayor Chuck Robichaux of Rayne.

LEPA is a joint-action agency based in Lafayette and is made up of 20 member municipalities, each owning their own municipal electrical systems. LEPA members include Abbeville, Alexandria, Erath, Gueydan, Houma, Jonesville, Kaplan, Lafayette, Minden, Morgan City, Natchitoches, New Roads, Plaquemine, Rayne, Ruston, St. Martinville, Vidalia, Vinton, Welsh and Winnfield.



PHOTO:

A fun moment when the gift of a 1990's vintage bag phone was presented to outgoing Chairman Robichaux. (left to right): LEPA Vice Chairman, Abbeville Mayor Roslyn White; LEPA 2025 Chairman, Rayne Mayor Chuck Robichaux; LEPA 2026 Chairman, St. Martinville Mayor Jason Willis.