

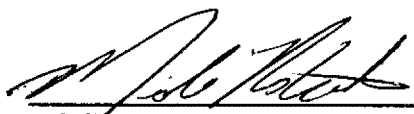
**ORDER: AUTHORIZE COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH NORTHEAST
ELECTRIC POWER ASSOCIATION**

Motion was made by Mike Roberts, duly seconded by Brent Larson, to authorize cooperation agreement with Northeast Electric Power Association.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Supervisor Brent Larson, voted yes
Supervisor Larry Gillespie, voted yes
Supervisor David Rikard, voted yes
Supervisor Chad McLarty, voted yes
Supervisor Mike Roberts, voted yes

After the vote, President Roberts, declared the motion carried, this the 5th day of December, 2022.



Mike Roberts, President
Board of Supervisors



Sherry Wall, Chancery Clerk

Cooperation Agreement between Lafayette County, MS and Northeast Mississippi Electric Power Association

This agreement is hereby entered into on the 5 day of December, 2022 between Lafayette County, Mississippi, by and through its Board of Supervisors, and Northeast Mississippi Electric Power Association, a non-profit association organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, for the purpose of establishing the terms of the mutual exchange of services and the use of certain facilities of the respective entities.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Lafayette County, Mississippi, through its Board of Supervisors, adopted and implemented a Right-of-Way Use and Occupancy Ordinance for the purpose of regulating and permitting the use of the areas within the public road right-of-way by utility companies and other entities and individuals desiring to place utility lines and other facilities within the right-of-way of the County public road system; and

WHEREAS, Northeast Mississippi Electrical Power Association (NEMEPA), a provider of electrical and other utility services within Lafayette County, Mississippi, finds it necessary to retain and extend its use of the public right-of-way for the purpose of maintaining, repairing and installing utility lines and related infrastructure for the benefit of its members residing within Lafayette County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Lafayette County, Mississippi has also adopted and administers land use regulations and building codes applicable to certain residential and all commercial structures within the unincorporated areas of Lafayette County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Lafayette County, Mississippi finds that its administration and enforcement of its land use regulations and building codes would be greatly enhanced by NEMEPA's agreement to require its member's and proposed member's compliance with the applicable Lafayette County, Mississippi land use regulations and building codes as a condition of service by NEMEPA; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto find it in their mutual interests to enter into this Agreement as each would receive and provide valuable services and consideration thereby.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of Lafayette County, Mississippi and Northeast Mississippi Electric Power Association do hereby agree as follows:

Terms of Agreement

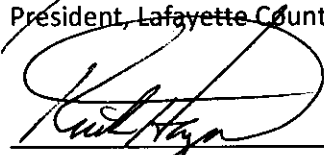
1. NEMEPA will require proof of compliance with Lafayette County building permit requirements as a condition for temporary electrical power service.
2. NEMEPA will require proof of compliance with Lafayette County permanent power inspection requirements as a condition for permanent power service connection for residential structures within subdivisions and all commercial structures within the unincorporated areas of Lafayette County, Mississippi.
3. NEMEPA will require proof of compliance with Lafayette County on-site wastewater requirements as a condition for permanent power for all residential structures within the unincorporated areas of Lafayette County, Mississippi.

4. In exchange for the foregoing items 1 thru 3, Lafayette County, Mississippi will permit NEMEPA's use of the public right-of-way without requiring a fee and/or bond as otherwise required by the Lafayette County Right-of-Way Use and Occupancy Ordinance, provided that NEMEPA complies with the other terms of said ordinance.



Mike Roberts
President, Lafayette County Board of Supervisors

12-5-2023
Date



Keith Hayward
Manager, Northeast MS Electric Power Association

12-5-2023
Date