

MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2022

The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission held its regular meeting at 2:00 p.m., May 25, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Ira Cleveland, with the following members present:

Dominique Monlezun, Commissioner
Rick Cleveland, Commissioner
Todd Thompson, Commissioner
Attorney Melinda Long

Present also was John W. Alario, Executive Director, and various industry representatives.

On motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. R. Cleveland the minutes were approved.

The detailed appropriation reports ending April 2022 were reviewed.

The statistical reports for the period ending April 2022 was reviewed.

The accounting total reports for April 2021/ April 2022 were reviewed.

Report of fires and accidents for April 2022 were reviewed.

The compliance audits for April 2022 were reviewed.

Dates for the next meetings June 29th & 30th – Baton Rouge, LA

Mr. Alario informed the Commission that he would make the following citations for appearance at the next meeting and that others may be added prior to distribution of the AD letter:

1. **Citations – Regular** – None
2. **Citations – Insurance** – None
3. **Citations – Permit Renewals – Approximately 20; failure to pay permit renewal.**

As of May 4, 2022, the Market Development Fund (MDF) balance is **\$180,712.48.**

On behalf of Louisiana Propane Gas Association, Mr. Randy Hayden approached the Commission. A legislation was proposed that would ban propane. Hayden updated the Commission briefly and discussed the effects of that legislation. Despite the efforts from a state representative in Eunice, LA to assist with avoiding the ban, some amendments had to be accepted. Municipality owned electric systems and natural gas do not want the competition. Generators and life-saving equipment can be put at risk as result of the ban. The propane industry would like the same treatment and protection as the natural gas industry. There is approximately 19 natural gas systems that simply do not want the competition, specifically in Abbeville, LA. Hayden also discussed how the previous surpluses financially assisted the market development fund with propane related marketing. He also informed the Commission of the following events: Propane Days – Washington D.C. on June 7th-10th, Miss Louisiana – Monroe, LA on June 17th & 18th, Louisiana/Alabama Propane Convention – Orange Beach, AL on July 26th – 28th. Hayden also talked about the positive relationship amongst the Commission and the propane dealers.

There being no other business, on motion by Commissioner R. Cleveland, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, the meeting was adjourned.