

APRIL MINUTES

Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission (LPGC)

April 23, 2025

10:00 A.M.

Department of Public Safety

Conference room D

7919 Independence Blvd.

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Mr. Jessie Len Hodges, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, April 23, 2025. He welcomed Colonel Hodges to the meeting and opened the floor to Colonel Hodges.

Colonel Hodges reminded the Commission that LTC Hasselbeck serves as his proxy on LPGC. Director Robin attends the quarterly meetings held by Colonel Hodges to provide information/updates regarding the LPGC. Colonel Hodges mentioned HB504 that is set to go before the legislature to increase truck tagging fees. Colonel Hodges appreciated the opportunity to attend the meeting. He also stated, he has full confidence in Executive Director Robin, LTC Hasselbeck, and Attorney Juliette Scioneaux with Office of Legal Affairs. Colonel Hodges is looking forward to engaging more with LPGC.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Don Robin, Executive Director called the roll.

The following Board members attended:

Commissioner Jessie Len Hodges, Chairman

Commissioner Francis Todd Thompson

Commissioner Dominique Monlezun, Vice-Chairman

LTC Joseph Hasselbeck

Absent:

Commissioner Ricky L. Cleveland

Others present:

Don Robin

Attorney Juliette Scionceaux

Various Industry representatives

Chairman Hodges called for the approval of the agenda as presented. Commissioner Monlezun moved for the approval of the agenda as presented, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the agenda was approved as presented with no dissenting votes.

Chairman Hodges opened the floor for public comments. No comments.

Chairman Hodges called for the approval of the March 19, 2025 minutes. Commissioner Monlezun motioned for the minutes to be accepted, and Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the minutes were approved with no dissenting votes.

Chairman Hodges opened the floor for applications to be heard.

The following applicants applied for a Class 2 permit, were administratively granted and ratified by the Commission:

Holders of these permits may install and service liquefied petroleum gas containers, piping and appliances, but shall not deliver gas. This Class will also apply to the installation and service of liquefied petroleum gas containers, piping and appliances on mobile homes, motor homes, travel trailers or any other recreational vehicles.

1. McCain Engineering Company, Inc. – 2002 McCain Parkway Pelham, AL 35124 - Commissioner Thompson motioned for the approval of the permit in absentia, LTC Hasselbeck seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the permit was granted in absentia with no dissenting votes.
2. Sam's Air Conditioning and Heating Service, Inc. – 604 Eric Street Shreveport, LA 71106 - Commissioner Monlezun motioned for the approval of the permit, Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. By verbal vote, the permit was granted in absentia with no dissenting votes.
3. Infinity Air LLC, 427 N. Market St. Shreveport, LA 71107 - Commissioner Thompson motioned for the approval of the permit, Commissioner Monlezun seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the permit was granted in absentia with no dissenting votes.
4. Liquid Bulk Services, LLC – 3805 Highway 30 St. Gabriel, LA 70776 - Commissioner Thompson motioned for the approval of the permit, Commissioner Monlezun seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the permit was granted in absentia with no dissenting votes.

Commissioner Thompson gave his opinion regarding applicants being required to attend the meetings. Chairman Hodges explained that the issue will be addressed later in the meeting.

The following applicants applied for a Class 6 permit, were administratively granted and ratified by the Commission:

Holders of these permits may install equipment, including containers, and service liquefied petroleum gas equipment used on internal combustion engines. They may not deliver liquefied petroleum gas.

1. Tractor Supply Company #2886 - 3341 NW Evangeline Thruway Carencro, LA 70520 - Commission Thompson motioned for the approval of the permit, LTC Hasselbeck seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the permit was granted with no dissenting votes.
2. Now Save #19 - 331 Hwy. 546 West Monroe LA 71291 - Commissioner Monlezun motioned for the approval of the permit, LTC Hasselbeck seconded the motion. By verbal votes, the permit was granted with no dissenting votes.
3. Easy E's Beer & Bait - 1813 Hwy. 3102 Jonesville, LA 71343 - Commissioner Thompson motioned for the approval of the permit, LTC Hasselbeck seconded the motion. The permit was granted with no dissenting votes.

The following applicants applied for a Class 6X permit, were administratively granted and ratified by the Commission:

Holders of these permits may engage in the exchange of approved liquefied petroleum gas cylinders on their premises, but shall not fill cylinders. They shall not deliver gas.

1. S & A Truck Stop LLC. 12300 Mansfield Rd. Keithville, LA 71047
2. Complete Stop #12 3755 Ambassador Caffery Pkwy. Lafayette, LA 70503
3. 90 Express 1193 Hwy. 12 DeQuincy, LA 70633
4. S & K Louisiana Investments Inc. 11066 Arnold Rd. Denham Springs, LA 70726
5. MM-CS Services LLC #203 2382 Lobdell Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA 70806
6. Congress One Stop 2444 West Congress St. Lafayette, LA 70506
7. River Side Marina, LLC 29504 Hwy. 22 Springfield, LA 70462
8. 3B Hardware Inc. 9092 US- 165 Sterlington, LA 71280
9. Best Stop Quick Mart #2 11222 Florida Blvd. Walker, LA 70785
10. MM-CS Services LLC #327 13315 Old Hammond Hwy. Baton Rouge, LA 70816

Commissioner Thompson motioned for the approval of the above permits, Commissioner Monlezun, seconded the motion. All 6X permits were granted with no dissenting votes.

Chairman Hodges opened the floor for violations to be heard.

Generated Energy Solutions – 212 McClanahan Ste. 8 Attn.: Courtney Hill, Bryant, AR docket #2024010

1. Did continue to engage in the LP Gas business without paying the required Class 2 permit fee; thus violating R.S. 40:1849(A) of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended. Commissioner Thompson motioned to place the company out of business after Inspector Blazier stated the company was no longer operating, LTC Hasselbeck seconded the motion. The out of business was granted with no dissenting votes.

Chairman Hodges opened the floor to Commission business:

Old business:

An update was provided on the continuing problems with the current operating system. Chairman Hodges stated he received a complaint from U-Haul. Kimberly informed the Commission of the issue with adding multiple locations to a current permit. She will ask the company for a new form of payment because the check she received was for a new application and additional locations in one form of payment. Payments for additional locations may be added at the time a permit is renewed. The conversation continued about the current operating system.

New business

An update was provided on the new operating system that is set to launch this November. Director Robin and Inspector Chad Ledet discussed the new features included in the new operating system. Companies will have the option to submit checks/money orders as well as the online capability option.

Commission Monlezun requested to change the June meeting date because he will not be able to attend. He would like the meeting to be scheduled on June 25th but Commissioner Thompson opposed that date due to the summer convention that is scheduled for June 29th. Commissioner Monlezun requested June 11th. The June meeting date will be considered later.

Review of the following reports:

LPGC reports

Statistical report for March 2025

Detailed appropriation report recap for March 2025

Accounting total reports for March 2025 and March 2025

Fire and accident report(s) for March 2025

Compliance audits for March 2025

Possible citations for next meeting

Regular citations – None
Insurance citations – None
Permit renewals – None

Market Development business:

On behalf of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission Advisory Board – Mr. Artie Cole, President, approached the Commission. Mr. Cole explained to Chairman Hodges the current process for presenting proposals/contracts to the Commission. Chairman Hodges asked Attorney Scioneaux if there was a way to streamline the current process in order to avoid delays. Attorney Scioneaux explained her role in the current process and explained that she would prefer to continue with the current process. Commissioner Thompson stated Mr. Cole provides updates. The conversation continued regarding the process for proposals/contracts. Mr. Cole stated that a major problem in the past has been timing. In order to avoid delays, Mr. Cole provides the contracts for review. Attorney Scioneaux reminded the Commission that organizations can review requirements for the format on Procurement's website or she can provide the information. Director Robin said organizations should not contact Procurement about contracts. Commissioner Monlezun asked for an explanation on the Capital City Press contract. Attorney Scioneaux informed the Commission that Capital City Press would provide print advertising statewide.

Chase reconciliation as of April 11, 2025: \$610,786.47. Approximately \$250K is encumbered.

Approval of 2025 Zurich Classic contract - \$100,000 – Commissioner Monlezun motioned for the approval of the 2025 Zurich contract, LTC Hasselbeck seconded the motion. The contract was approved with no dissenting votes.

Approval of Capital City Press, LLC contract - \$30,000 – Commissioner Thompson motioned for the approval of the Capital City Press, LLC contract, Commissioner Monlezun seconded the motion. The contract was approved with no dissenting votes.

Commission Legislation and/or Rule Changes, Office of Legal Affairs:

Attorney Scioneaux reminded the Commission that Colonel Hodges briefly discussed HB504 earlier in the meeting. She did not have any additional comments regarding HB504.

Commissioner Thompson explained that not all applicants should have to appear especially when distance is a factor. He also stated that applicants scheduled to appear could be optional. LTC Hasselbeck stated applicants would not have access to the process if they are not required to appear but he stated he was not opposed to the option to appear or not appear. Attorney Scioneaux will do more research on the requirement to appear for a meeting.

Open discussion – Executive Director Don Robin and/or Chairman Hodges

- a. Explanation of open meeting laws in accordance with R.S. 42:19 A(1)(bb) – Chairman Hodges discussed the recent training that was conducted at Lake Arthur Butane. Inspector Brian Breaux provided a presentation during the training and was commended. Commissioner Monlezun thanked the Louisiana State Police for their assistance and participation in the training.

Chairman Hodges stated that Commissioner Thompson would assist with Robert's Rule of Order and open meeting laws.

- b. Employee acknowledgement – Ms. Kimberly Wilson is resigning from LPGC to accept a promotion with another agency. Chairman Hodges thanked her for her years of service.

During the meeting, a plaque for former Chairman Ira Cleveland was acknowledged by the Commission for his years of service.

Next meeting date: May 21, 2025 – Baton Rouge, LA

Industry Communication – Randy Hayden – not present

Adjournment - Commissioner Monlezun motioned for adjournment, LTC Hasselbeck seconded the motion. The motion carried with no dissenting votes; the meeting was adjourned.