

MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020

The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission held its regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. February 19, 2020, 7919 Independence Blvd Baton Rouge, LA 70806. The meeting was called to order by Henry “Darty” Smith, with the following members present:

Ira Cleveland, Commissioner
James A. Hopson, Commissioner
Dominique Monlezun, Commissioner
Major Mark Morrison
Attorney Connor Junkin

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

On motion by Mr. Cleveland, seconded by Mr. Monlezun the meeting was called to order.

The detailed appropriation reports ending January 2020 were reviewed.

The statistical reports for the period ending January 2020 were reviewed.

The accounting total reports for January 2019/2020 were reviewed.

Report of fires and accidents for January 2020 were reviewed.

The compliance audits for January 2020 were reviewed.

Dates for the next meetings were set for March 25th & 26th 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 fee.

As of January 9, 2020, the Market Development Fund (MDF) balance is **\$669,904.04.**

According to Mr. Alario, the rule changes are set to be published February 20, 2020 and implemented April 1st to include the new permit fees. He also presented various proposals approved by the Market Development Board totaling \$268,750.00. On motion by Mr. Monlezun, seconded by Mr. Cleveland, the various proposals were approved by the Commission.

Randy Hayden from the Louisiana Propane Gas Association (LPGA) approached the Commission. He thanked the Commission for approving the various proposals submitted on behalf of the Market Development Board. By August, he believes the Commission may receive a surplus. There was a brief discussion regarding the advantages of the Summer Olympics campaign. Followed by a discussion about safety and training. He believes the mandatory training that has been implemented by the Commission will be very beneficial. The discussion regarding the marketing

campaign continued as Mr. Hayden reminded the Commission of the current campaign of “Propane Can Do That”. There will be a rebroadcast of Miss Louisiana on a hunting/fishing show. Commissioner Monlezun asked about the need for assistance with the Zurich Classic which is set for April 23rd – 26th. And the discussion regarding marketing proposals continued. Commissioner Monlezun gave an overview of various training requirements by other states while he attended a conference in Arizona.

There being no other business, on motion by Mr. Cleveland, seconded by Mr. Monlezun the meeting was adjourned.