

MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2020

The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission held its regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. May 27, 2020. 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
Attorney Melinda Long

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 minutes were reviewed.

The detailed appropriation reports ending February – April 2020 were reviewed.

The statistical reports for the period ending February – April 2020 were reviewed.

The accounting total reports for February – April 2019/2020 were reviewed.

Report of fires and accidents for February-April 2020 were reviewed.

The compliance audits for February-April 2020 were reviewed.

Dates for the next meetings were set for June 24th & 25th 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 April 7, 2020, the Market Development Fund (MDF) balance is **\$643,620.78.**

According to Mr. Alario, the rule changes are finalized and will go into effect by the end of the month. Mr. Alario requested the authority to act on behalf of the Commission (due to COVID-19) in order to approve applications, issue citations, etc. On motion by Mr. Cleveland, seconded by Mr. Monlezun, the motion was approved.

Randy Hayden from the Louisiana Propane Gas Association (LPGA) approached the Commission. Mr. Hayden provided an intensive overview regarding bills currently pending legislation. Spring/Summer trainings are cancelled with plans to resume in the Fall. The Summer convention in Alabama has been cancelled. Tradeshow/Spring events are also cancelled. There will be a revamp to the website. Miss Louisiana pageant has been cancelled. But there will be other

options to work with Miss Louisiana. Mr. Hayden would like for Miss Louisiana Meagan Cruz to have the opportunity to speak or sing at the Capitol.

Attorney Melinda Long informed the Commission that the rule change is effective May 20th. Mr. Alario mentioned the legislation to suspend collection of fees for one year for small businesses. If this legislation passes, the Commission will not be able to operate; possibly layoffs. However, there is also an amendment that requires 1.5 years in reserves that doesn't apply to the Commission.

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