

Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission
Wednesday, May 24, 2023
10:00 A.M.
7919 Independence Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA 70806 – Room C

Members Present:

Chairman Ira Cleveland
Commissioner Todd Thompson
Commissioner Dominique Monlezun
Commissioner Ricky Lee Cleveland
LTC Jody Hasselbeck

Also present:

Interim Executive Director ArieSha J. Dents
Attorney Gail Holland
Various Industry representatives

Action Taken:

- I. Called to Order at 10:00 A.M.
- II. Roll Call
- III. Consideration of the minutes from April 26, 2023 – on motion by Commissioner Monlezun, seconded by Commissioner Thompson the minutes were considered. All agreed.
- IV. Review the statistical report for April 2023
- V. Review the accounting total reports for April 2022/April 2023
- VI. Review the report of fires and accidents for March 2023
- VII. Review the compliance audits for April 2023 – Commissioner Monlezun inquired about the timeframe that bottle exchange companies are required to pick up exchange bottle tanks once a company is no longer in business. According to Inspector Frank Blazier, there isn't a specific timeframe but it is the responsibility of the supplier to pick up the exchange bottle tanks. Commissioner Monlezun believes the turnaround for collection the tanks needs to be addressed.
- VIII. Date for the next meeting – June 28, 2023 in Baton Rouge, LA – LTC Hasselbeck will not be in attendance for the June meeting. Commissioner Monlezun reminded the Commission of the Louisiana Propane Gas Association and Alabama Propane Gas Association joint convention that is scheduled in New Orleans, LA beginning June 25th.
- IX. Possible citations for next meeting
 - A. Regular citations – None
 - B. Insurance citations – None
 - C. Permit renewals – None
- X. Other Business
 1. Violations to be heard (if applicable) – see docket
 - Herring Gas Co. of La., P.O. Box 667 Meadville, MS 39653 Docket #202211 Did allow truck #4044 operated by (Dylan Lippman) to fill another dealer ASME container, thus violating RS 40:1841.139 (E) – Pleaded guilty. Commission dismissed charge with a public reprimand. All in favor. No opposition.
 2. Applications to be heard (if applicable) – see docket
 - Cenla Generators LLC - Michael Mitchell approached the Commission. On motion by Commissioner Thompson, seconded by Commissioner Monlezun, the class 2 permit was granted by the Commission.

- Cenla RV – On motion my Commissioner Monlezun, seconded by Commissioner R. Cleveland, the class 2 permit was postponed.
- Cenla RV – On motion by Commissioner Monlezun, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, the class 6 permit was postponed.
- Love’s Travel Stop #858 – On motion by Commissioner R. Cleveland, seconded by Commissioner Thompson, the class 6 permit was postponed.
- Sullivan’s Hardware – Trent Butler approached the Commission. On motion my Commissioner Monlezun, seconded by Commissioner Thompson the class 6 permit was approved.
- 3 Piers Seafood Market, Tidbits & Tackle, Oak Grove Market, Frank’s Supermarket, Odell’s Grocery – On motion by Commissioner Thompson, seconded by Commissioner R. Cleveland the Class 6X permits were granted by the Commission.
- Love’s Travel Stop #858 – Class 6X was unable to meet the requirements of the Commission; therefore it was requested that the application be withdrawn. On motion by Commissioner Thompson, seconded by Commissioner Monlezun, the application was withdrawn.

3. Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission Advisory Board

A. Purpose of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission Advisory Board

B. Introduction of the Liquefied Petroleum Advisory Board and officers -

- Chairman Artie Cole Pineville, LA, Bill Lemaire – Franklinton/Covington, LA LacoX, Ray Sparnecht - Tractor Supply, Jody Herring – Herring Gas, Horace Fontenot – Amerigas – Recording Secretary
- Consideration for proposals for any proposals submitted on behalf of the Chairman or his designee from the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission Advisory Board - Chairman Cleveland informed the advisory board members present that meetings are conducted in person and minutes must be taken. An open meeting laws handouts was provided. Commissioner Monlezun also informed the members present that the meeting minutes must be signed. Chairman Cleveland reiterated that only members from the advisory board are allowed to address the Commission regarding any proposals.

C. Market development bank reconciliation as of May 8, 2023: \$190,631.83

- A handout was provided with an overview of all contracts and invoices that have been paid.

4. Commission legislation and/or rule changes by Office of Legal Affairs representative (if applicable)

XI. Open discussion by Interim Executive Director – Interim Executive Director Dents briefly mentioned the open meeting laws handout. And informed the Commission that Randy Hayden would provide specifics regarding possible legislation.

XII. Commission/Industry/Advisory Board Communication –

On behalf of Louisiana Propane Gas Association Randy Hayden approached the Commission. Hayden is currently scheduled to attend the Southland Conference in Lake Charles. He also informed the Commission about a bill to study mechanical chock blocks but the bill did not pass the legislature. Hayden also informed the Commission about Senate Bill 201 drafted by Senator Sharon Hewitt. This particular bill was drafted on how boards and commissions should conduct open meetings. If passed, the Senate Bill 201 would require the following: recorded by video, broadcast must be available, archived and saved on the website for two (2) years, meetings must be conducted in a central location available to the public, news releases, and must adhere to America Disability Act (ADA) standards. Attorney Holland provided an overview for

broadcasted meetings. According to Attorney Holland, she doesn't believe that the legislation is going to be mandatory. Hayden believes otherwise.

Chairman Cleveland addressed the \$49K event coordinator contract for Randy Hayden. Chairman Cleveland advised Hayden not to begin working any events without approval from the Commission. Commissioner Monlezun reminded Hayden that he will be paid but the item has to be placed on the agenda to be paid. Hayden assured the Commission that he will not begin working any future events without prior approval from the Commission.

Hayden continued to talk about Senate Bill 201. LTC Hasselbeck believes that the Department has the technical resources available. Hayden's concern is mainly about the LPGC advisory board being equipped to conduct the meetings with the requirements properly

On motion by Commissioner Monlezun, seconded by Commissioner Thompson an executive session was entered to consider a permanent Executive Director for LPGC.

Returned to regular session with a roll call vote: Thompson, R. Cleveland, Monlezun, and LTC Hasselbeck all in attendance. On motion by Commissioner Thompson, seconded by Commissioner R. Cleveland, Don Robin was hired beginning June 5th pending a favorable background check and confirmation of the Senate. Votes recorded as follows: Commissioner Thompson – yes, Commissioner R. Cleveland –yes, Commissioner Monlezun – yes, LTC Hasselbeck – yes, Chairman Cleveland – yes.

Chairman Cleveland, Commissioner Thompson, and LTC Hasselbeck extended their thanks and gratitude to Interim Director Dents and Kimberly Wilson. Interim Director Dents acknowledged her gratitude to the Commission, inspectors, staff, and welcomed Don Robin to the Commission. Don Robin thanked the Commission and is looking forward to meeting everyone.

XIII. Adjournment – On motion by Commissioner Monlezun, seconded by Commissioner Thompson the meeting adjourned.