

MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2022

The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission held its regular meeting at 2:00 p.m., October 26, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Ira Cleveland, with the following members present:

Dominique Monlezun, Commissioner

Todd Thompson, Commissioner

Attorney Melinda Long

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

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

Reviewed statistical reports for September 2022.

Reviewed accounting total reports for September 2021/2022.

Reviewed report of fires and accidents for September 2022.

Reviewed compliance audits for September 2022.

Dates for the next meetings November 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 10+; failure to pay permit renewal.

As of October 10, 2022, the Market Development Fund (MDF) balance is **\$158,896.36.**

John Alario provided the Commission with information regarding the upgrade to the operating system (LP Gas 365). Within the next year, the system will be obsolete. As a result, the vendor will be rewriting the entire software to include credit card payments, permit renewals, testing, truck tagging, etc. This will allow for a more efficient system. Tracking of continuing education will also be included with the upgrade. Pricing hasn't been provided yet but he expects the pricing to be approximately \$80K – \$90K.

Chairman Ira Cleveland acknowledged that it has been two years since Henry “Darty” Smith passed. He reminded the Commission that the meeting room is acknowledged as the Henry “Darty” Smith room.

On behalf of the Louisiana Propane Association, Randy Hayden approached the Commission. He extended an invitation to the Commission for the board meeting in Natchitoches, La on December 1st at 1 p.m. with a holiday function to follow. During that time, the Lifetime Achievement Award will be honored. Hayden informed the Commission that some of the money from the market development fund was used for a program at La Tech. The board is trying to decide

if they will continue with the program due to the cost. Dealers have had issues hiring qualified drivers. The market development fund has sponsored the program for about one year with approximately six new hires. Hayden informed the Commission that some states are intending to implement dates for purchases of fossil fuel automobiles by 2023. From a legislation standpoint, there is discussion about approaching legislatures to oppose dates and being told what to buy. The restriction is on the sale of said automobiles. There was an ongoing discussion about the charging stations for electric powered vehicles and the increased availability of charging stations at multiple locations and the increased sightings of signs for electric powered vehicles. Hayden also told the Commission that UPS is conducting an alternative fuel vehicle testing to determine which fuel is best suited for their vehicles. Propane has proven to be the best choice. Louisiana has the first renewable propane facility in the country at \$7.00 a gallon servicing California and New York. In closing, Hayden extended his appreciation to the Commission for its work and support.

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