

MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS COMMISSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016

The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission held its regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. March 15, 2016, at 7919 Independence Blvd Baton Rouge, LA 70806 – rooms C & D. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. James Hopson, with the following members present:

Mrs. Carol Ann Cleveland, Commissioner
Mr. Henry “Darty” Smith, Commissioner
Mr. Bill Cain, Commissioner
Attorney Melinda Long

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

On motion by Mr. Smith seconded by Mrs. Cleveland the minutes of the February 2016 meeting were adopted as transcribed and the register of attendance was signed.

The detailed appropriation reports ending February 2016 were reviewed.

The statistical reports for the period ending February 2016 were reviewed.

The accounting total reports for February 2015 and February 2016 were reviewed.

Report of fires and accidents for February 2016 were reviewed.

The compliance audits for February 2016 were reviewed.

Dates for the next meetings were set for April 27th & 28th Baton Rouge, LA.

Mr. Alario informed the Commission that he would make the following citations for appearance at the April 2016 meeting and that others may be added prior to distribution of the AD letter:

1. **Citations – Regular –**
None as of March 15, 2016
2. **Citations – Insurance –**
None as of March 15, 2016
3. **Citations – Permit Renewals –**
Possible 12; failure to pay permit renewal.

As of March 8, 2016, the Market Development Fund (MDF) balance is **\$150,813.57.**

Attorney Long informed the Commission that the rule change for 6X permit holders with multiple locations was finalized as of March 10th.

According to Mr. Alario, the Market Development Board presented three projects to the Commission for approval. The Zurich Classic for \$40,000.00, an additional \$1,500.00 for trade shows, and \$2,500.00 for the renewal with Clean Cities Coalition. On motion by Mr. Cain, seconded by Mr. Smith, all three projects were approved.

On behalf of the Louisiana Propane Gas Association (LPGA), Mr. Randy Hayden approached the Commission. Due to the recent statewide budgetary concerns, the Association plans to ask legislators to increase the permit fees from \$75 to \$150. Approximately, 80% of permit holders pay a minimum of \$75. The Association believes the current fee of \$75 does not cover the services rendered. There will be statewide trainings in April in Ruston, Alexandria, and Baton Rouge. The training is open to everyone it is not limited to members. Clean Cities will be providing a 1st Responders training at Joint Emergency Services Training Center (JESTC) on April 5th – 8th. On April 27th and 28th through the Department of Energy grant, an alternative fuel seminar will be held. In closing, Mr. Hayden thanked the Commission for continued support.

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