**MINUTES**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

**LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS COMMISSION**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2017**

The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission held its regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. January 25, 2017, 7919 Independence Blvd Baton Rouge, LA 70806. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Henry “Darty” Smith, Chairman, with the following members present:

 Mr. James A. Hopson, Commissioner

Mr. Ira Cleveland, Commissioner

 Mr. Dominique J. Monzelun, Commissioner

 Major Duane Schexnayder

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

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

The detailed appropriation reports ending December 2016 were reviewed.

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

The accounting total reports for December 2016 and December 2016 were reviewed.

Report of fires and accidents for December 2016 were reviewed.

The compliance audits for December 2016 were reviewed.

Dates for the next meetings were set for February 22nd & 23rd – Baton Rouge, LA

Mr. Alario informed the Commission that he would make the following citations for appearance at the February 2017 meeting and that others may be added prior to distribution of the AD letter:

1. **Citations – Regular –** None
2. **Citations – Insurance –** Approximately 10 – failure to provide current certificate of insurance.
3. **Citations – Permit Renewals –** Approximately 15 – failure to pay permit renewal.

As of February 10, 2017, the Market Development Fund (MDF) balance is **$212,350.18.**

Mr. John W. Alario updated the Commission on an emergency rule for a broker’s license. As long as there is no opposition, the temporary rule will be in place. On motion by Major Schexnayder Hopson, seconded by Mr. Cleveland the Commission approved $86,100.00 for the Market Development programs including the tradeshows, Sheriff’s Association, a public service announcement with Miss Louisiana, home builder shows, Zurich Classic, and web maintenance contract. All agreed.

On behalf of the Louisiana Propane Gas Association (LPGA), Randy Hayden approached the Commission. He thanked the Commission for their approval for the upcoming programs. Mr. Hayden provided an update on the Market Development Board and legislation. According to Mr. Hayden, there are some concerns with Jefferson Parish Fire Marshal’s office regarding the regulation of propane. Mr. Alario and Mr. Hayden planned to meet with the current administration to address the concerns. Finally, Mr. Hayden mentioned the national DOTD rule revisions regarding requalification of propane tanks.

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