**MINUTES**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

**LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS COMMISSION**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019**

The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission held its regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. March 27, 2019, 7919 Independence Blvd Baton Rouge, LA 70806. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Henry “Darty” Smith, with the following members present:

Mr. Ira Cleveland, Vice Chairman,

Mr. James A. Hopson, Commissioner

Dominique J. Monlezun, Commissioner

Major Mark Morrison

Attorney Melinda Long

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

On motion by Mr. Monlezun, seconded by Mr. Cleveland the meeting was called to order.

The minutes were reviewed and signed.

The detailed appropriation reports ending February 2019 were reviewed.

The statistical reports for the period ending February 2019 were reviewed.

The accounting total reports for February 2018/2019 were reviewed.

Report of fires and accidents for February 2019 were reviewed.

The compliance audits for February 2019 were reviewed.

Dates for the next meetings were set for April 17th & 18th 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 15 – failure to pay permit renewal.

As of March 7, 2019 the Market Development Fund (MDF) balance is **$489,439.24.**

John Alario updated the Commission on the surplus in revenues, truck tag inspections, and the increase in permit revenues due to anhydrous ammonia permits. As a result of the increase in revenues, he was able to purchase new vehicles for the inspectors. Mr. Alario also asked that the licensing requirement to appear before the Commission for plumbers be suspended. On motion by Mr. Monlezun, seconded by Mr. Cleveland, the requirement for plumbers to appear before the Commission was suspended, all agreed. In July, Mr. Alario is planning to rule change to switch from the NFPA 08-09 edition to NFPA 15-16 edition.

On behalf of the Louisiana Propane Gas Association (LPGA), Marica Vlahos approached the Commission. Miss Vlahos updated the Commission on the recent statewide trainings with included the Police Jury Association, School Board Convention, Alexandria Home show, and the Zurich Classic.

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