**MINUTES**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

**LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS COMMISSION**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2021**

The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission held its regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. January 27, 2021 The meeting was called to order by Ira Cleveland, with the following members present:

Dominique Monlezun, Commissioner

Rick Cleveland, Commissioner

Todd Thompson, Commissioner

Attorney Melinda Long

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

Mr. Todd Thompson was sworn in as a new Commissioner by Attorney Long.

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

The detailed appropriation reports ending November/December 2020 were reviewed.

The statistical reports for the period ending November/December 2020 was reviewed.

The accounting total reports for November/December 2019/2020 were reviewed.

Report of fires and accidents for December 2020 were reviewed.

The compliance audits for November/December 2020 were reviewed.

Dates for the next meetings were set to be determined at a later date.

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 –** None

As of January 14, 2021, the Market Development Fund (MDF) balance is **$441,773.56.**

Mr. Alario updated the Commission on the current status of revenues. Currently, revenues are down due to COVID.

On motion by Mr. Monlezun, seconded by Mr. Thompson Mr. Alario’s contract and salary was approved by the Commission.

Attorney Long addressed the Commission to give an update on her meeting with the Occupational Licensing Review Commission to present emergency rule. This is an emergency rule for the Class 1E that was approved. The fiscal statement and notice of intent will be submitted. The final rule should be approved in approximately three months.

Randy Hayden from the Louisiana Propane Gas Association (LPGA) approached the Commission. He provided an explanation to the new sworn Commissioners regarding his role with LPGA and the Commission. Mr. Hayden addressed the Commission regarding fossil fuels and all electric economies to elaborate on the importance of propane. There are some communities that are trying to band propane. However, LPGA is looking for ways (possibly through legislation) to compete with the natural gas industry. Mr. Hayden also addressed training throughout the state.

Violations and applications were heard by the Commission. No violations for January 2021. On motion by Mr. Monlezun, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the applications listed on the docket were approved. Please see the January 2021 docket for a list of violations and applications.

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