**MINUTES**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

**LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS COMMISSION**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2016**

The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission held its regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. October 26, 2016, at 7919 Independence Blvd Baton Rouge, LA 70806 – Conference rooms C&D. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Henry “Darty” Smith, Chairman, with the following members present:

Mrs. Carol Ann Cleveland, Commissioner

 Mr. James A. Hopson, Commissioner

 Mr. Dominique J. Monzelun, Commissioner

 Attorney Melinda Long

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

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

The detailed appropriation reports ending September 2016 were reviewed.

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

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

Report of fires and accidents for September 2016 were reviewed.

The compliance audits for September 2016 were reviewed.

Dates for the next meetings were set for November 16th & 17th Baton Rouge, LA.

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

1. **Citations – Regular –** None
2. **Citations – Insurance –**

Approximately, seven – failure to provide current certificate of insurance.

1. **Citations – Permit Renewals –**

Approximately, 20 - failure to pay permit renewals.

As of October 12, 2016, the Market Development Fund (MDF) balance is **$198,614.43.**

Mr. John W. Alario provided an update for the rule change that is effective November 1, 2016 for all propane licenses. Propane permit holders will be required to pay $150.00 for licenses as opposed to $75.00. Class 6 permit holders are now required to pay into the Market Development Fund. The December meeting will be held in Lak Arthur, Louisiana. On motion by Mr. Hopson, seconded by Mrs. Cleveland the December meeting will be held in Lake Arthur, Louisiana. Mr. Alario also informed the Commission that the new operating system is currently up and running.

On behalf of the Louisiana Propane Gas Association (LPGA), Randy Hayden approached the Commission. Mr. Hayden informed the Commission that Senator Charles Boustany is seeking election on November 8th. Boustany has been a strong propane supporter. He is also introducing a 5 year tax extension. According to Hayden, due to the recent flood in Baton Rouge, over 60 school buses were damaged. The Industry is trying to get propane powered school buses with air conditioning. There is a basic principles/practices class in Alexandria, La at Best Western. Alario informed the Commission that the new system will allow for continued education tracking.

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