

MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2012

The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission held its regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at 7919 Independence Blvd., Conference Room B, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. James Hopson, with the following members present:

Mrs. Carol Ann Cleveland, Vice-Chairwoman
Mr. Charles Cain, Commissioner
Mr. Henry "Darty" Smith, Commissioner
Major Adam White
Attorney Paul Schexnayder

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

On motion by, Major White seconded by Mr. Cain, the minutes of the January 2012 meeting was adopted as transcribed and the register of attendance was signed.

The latest expenditure and revenue reports ending January 31, 2012 were reviewed.

The statistical reports for the period ending January 31, 2012 were reviewed.

The accounting total reports for January 2011 and January 2012 were reviewed.

Report of fires and accidents for January 2012 were reviewed.

The compliance audits for January 2012 were reviewed.

Dates for the next meetings were set for March 21st & 22nd in Baton Rouge, La.

Mr. Alario informed the Commission that he would make the following citations for appearance at the March 2012 meeting and that others may be added prior to distribution of the AD letter:

- 1. Citations – Regular –**
None as of February 10, 2012
- 2. Citations – Insurance –**
None as of February 10, 2012
- 3. Citations – Permit Renewals –**
None as of February 10, 2012

Mr. Alario presented the Commission with the Market Development Fund (MDF) balance of **\$733,725.68** as of January 31, 2012.

Commission Legislation and/or Rule Changes: According to Mr. Alario, everything is in order for the rule changes. Currently, waiting the 90-day period.

Mr. Alario congratulated the Commissioners on their reappointment. He is looking forward to working with each of them.

The Market Development has been meeting. They have approved several different proposals:

*PGA Tour - Zurich Classic in New Orleans for \$50,000.00 – Title sponsorship which includes concession stands, billboards, paring sheets, magazines, and a sign on a hole.

*Rebate Program – Contractors have been added to the program. A contractor has to convince a consumer to install a propane powered furnace into a home. If a contractor installs the propane powered furnace into a home, the contractor can receive up to \$1,000.00 per home in rebates. Mr. David Reed with Reed Inc. approached the Commission to address concerns regarding the application for the rebates from the contractors.

*Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) – Title sponsorship includes a yearlong contract. The contract value is \$100,000.00 and it includes all championship games including tennis and track.

*Web maintenance - \$1,500.00 (www.lapropane.com)

*Cook tops have also been added to the rebate program for \$50.00. This rebate starts March 1, 2012.

On motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Cain, the proposals were approved.

On behalf of the Louisiana Propane Gas Association, Mr. Randy Hayden approached the Commission. He handed out information from ICF International on “Propane Industry Impact on U.S. and State Economics”. Mr. Hayden said the Association is meeting with Secretary Angelle and the Department of Natural Resources. Louisiana is the #2 producer in the nation. But from a consumer level, Louisiana does not rank very high. The Association would like to see the Commissioners use propane fueled vehicles. The Association would like to see propane dispensers at State Police stations, hardware stores, bottle plants, etc. The Commission continued the discussion on propane fueled vehicles. Mr. Hayden mentioned the Plumber’s Association. This year, that particular Association is meeting in New Orleans. Mr. Hayden stated plumbers need to be more involved with this Industry. Training has been offered to the Plumber’s Association during their Convention. Discussion continued about training and certification for the Plumber’s Association. Mr. Hayden also provided API stats to the Commission. It provides a 5-year history from where propane is.

There being no other business, Mrs. Cleveland motioned to recess until 8:30 a.m., Thursday, February 16, 2012, Mr. Cain seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Amended during meeting on Thursday: On motion by Major White, seconded by Mr. Cleveland the LPB Bicentennial Sponsorship was approved for \$73,500.00