

MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2013

The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission held its regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 24, 2013 at 7919 Independence Blvd Baton Rouge, LA in rooms C & D.

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

Mr. Charles Cain, Commissioner
Major Frank Ducote
Attorney Melinda Long

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

On motion by, Major Ducote seconded by Mr. Cain, the minutes of the June 2013 meeting were adopted as transcribed and the register of attendance was signed.

The latest expenditure and revenue reports ending June 30, 2013 were reviewed.

The statistical reports for the period ending June 30, 2013 were reviewed.

The accounting total reports for June 2012 and June 2013 were reviewed.

Report of fires and accidents for June 2013 were reviewed.

The compliance audits for June 2013 were reviewed.

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

Mr. Alario informed the Commission that he would make the following citations for appearance at the August 2013 meeting and that others may be added prior to distribution of the AD letter:

- 1. Citations – Regular –**
None as of July 19, 2013
- 2. Citations – Insurance –**
None as of July 19, 2013
- 3. Citations – Permit Renewals –**
None as of July 19, 2013

Mr. Alario presented the Commission with the Market Development Fund (MDF) balance of **\$244,844.26.**

Mr. Alario elaborated briefly on the success of the summer propane convention in Shreveport, LA.

On behalf of the Louisiana Propane Gas Association (LPGA), Randy Hayden approached the Commission. He introduced the newly elected president of LPGA, Mr. Artie Cole of Ferrellgas. Mr. Cole has 34 years' experience in the propane industry. Mr. Cole informed the Commission about Louisiana Municipal Association Convention in Monroe, LA. During this convention, an auto gas show and training courses will take place. Miss Jaden Leach will make a public appearance as Miss Louisiana in a booth representing the Industry and Louisiana.

Mr. Hayden informed the Commission that East Baton Rouge (EBR) parish will release a request for proposal (RFP) to have 2,000 vehicles switched to an alternative fuel. According to Mr. Hayden, there was misinformation about propane. The RFP was specifically about compressed natural gas (CNG). The State has not made a decision that CNG is the alternative fuel choice. The Industry strongly believes propane offers alternatives and should be allowed to compete.

Mr. Hayden questioned Mr. Alario about the transfer of funds (from the Department of Treasury) at the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Alario reminded Mr. Hayden that those funds are released by the Department of Treasury and usually are available in August. Mr. Alario also stated that he was aware of upcoming deadlines and time sensitive deadlines and as soon as the funds are made available, he would inform the Market Development Board.

There was an ongoing discussion regarding farmers irrigating crops with diesel fuel.

There being no other business, Mrs. Cleveland motioned to recess until 8:30 a.m., Thursday, July 24, 2013, Major Ducote seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.