**MINUTES**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

**LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS COMMISSION**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2022**

The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission held its regular meeting at 2:00 p.m., September 28, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Ira Cleveland, with the following members present:

Dominique Monlezun, Commissioner

Todd Thompson, Commissioner

Attorney Melinda Long

LTC Jody Hasselbeck

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

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

Reviewed statistical reports for August 2022.

Reviewed accounting total reports for August 2021/2022.

Reviewed report of fires and accidents for August 2022.

Reviewed compliance audits for August 2022.

Dates for the next meetings October 26th & 27th – 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 20+; failure to pay permit renewal.

As of September 19, 2022, the Market Development Fund (MDF) balance is **$144,965.54.**

Commissioner I. Cleveland welcomed Commissioner R. Cleveland to the Commission.

John Alario informed the Commission of the inventory audit that was conducted that reported no findings. According to Alario, the Market Development Board recently approved $100,000 for the upcoming year for propane related marketing. The campaign includes Miss Louisiana sponsorship, Zurich Classic, and a media package with WWL. On motion by Commissioner Thompson, seconded by Commissioner R. Cleveland the $100,000 campaigns were approved. Alario briefly explained the purpose of the Market Development Board to Mr. R. Cleveland. In turn, Alario welcomed Commissioner R. Cleveland to the Commission.

On behalf of the Louisiana Propane Association, Randy Hayden approached the Commission. Hayden thanked the Commission for the opportunity to appear before the Commission. According to Hayden, Commissioner Monlezun was attending the National LP Association meeting representing Louisiana Propane Gas Association. During this meeting, safety measures were being reevaluated for inclement weather. There was also a discussion on natural disasters that effect the country and solutions to protect the Industry. The Commission has always stepped up to assist. The Commission and Industry has always put the consumer first. Hayden also informed the Commission that other states are implementing measures to take care of the consumers. Hayden also offered prayers for Florida with the impending hurricane threat. As he continued to address the issues with natural disasters, he acknowledged that the Industry is doing its best for the Commission and the Industry. He also extended appreciation for the leadership within the Commission. Finally, Hayden discussed the purpose of the market development fund with emphasis on the assessment fee being money strictly for the Industry used for propane related marketing. He also thanked the Commission for their approval of the upcoming propane related campaigns. Alario informed Hayden and the Commission that he has been in contact with his counterpart in Florida and has offered assistance if needed.

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