

**MINUTES**  
**South Carolina Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board**  
**Conference Call/Annual Board Meeting**  
**10:00 a.m., December 15, 2016**  
**Office of State Fire Marshal**  
**141 Monticello Trail**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Richard O'Sheal, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE**

Mr. O'Sheal announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Liquefied Gas Board office, 141 Monticello Trail, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

**INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND GUESTS**

- S.C. Petroleum Gas Board members present via telephone: Richard O'Sheal, John Butcher, Rob Freeman, Jerry Tindal, Larry Lucas
- S.C. Petroleum Gas Board members absent: Art Irick, Anthony Segars
- LLR Staff Members participating in this meeting included Bert Polk, SC State Fire Marshal; Nathan Ellis, SC Assistant State Fire Marshal; Ray Hoshall, Board Administrator; Ronnie Yonce, Board Administrative Assistant; Hardwick Stuart, Board Advice Council.
- Guests present for this meeting: Corky Clark, Executive Director, SC Propane Gas Association; Rex Neese, Attorney for SC Propane Gas Association; Nadine Garrett, Creel Court Reporting.

**APPROVAL OF MARCH 19, 2015 MEETING MINUTES**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes as submitted. Butcher/Tindal/Approved.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** To approve Agenda as distributed. Butcher/Tindal/Approved.

**MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Chief Polk thanked the Board for the hospitality he was shown at the joint South Carolina and Georgia Propane Gas Association conference last year. The conference was very fruitful with lots of great discussions with the industry. Chief Polk discussed the upcoming proposed transition of the LP Gas Board from the Fire Marshal's Office to the LLR POL group, hopefully on February 1, 2017. He stated that both groups are working through some things now to make the transition go smoothly. Molly Price and her staff will now be handling the LP Gas Program. The LP Gas Board and the industry will see a new mailing address, new telephone numbers, and

will be receiving phone calls from new individuals. Chief Hoshall will no longer be the Board Administrator; however, the Office of State Fire Marshal will still be involved and will remain available to assist with this transition, and in support of the LP Gas industry.

The inspection process was discussed. OSFM is attempting to institute a program where existing facilities will be inspected at some point during the 2 year renewal cycle. Chairman O'Sheal asked if all licensed facilities would be inspected, and Chief Polk indicated that they would. At this time, Chief Polk introduced Nathan Ellis, the new Assistant State Fire Marshal for Codes and Enforcement, to the Board.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Rob Freeman commented that, "On behalf of the propane industry as we transition over to a new administrative body he wanted to thank the Office of State Fire Marshal for the very capable administration of the LP gas industry during his career, a span of over 30 years and his company (Freeman Gas) with over 80 years in the business. He especially thanked the staff involved in the daily "nuts and bolts" operation of the program. "Ronnie Yonce has done a fantastic job of helping our industry stay organized and in compliance with the law. Chief Hoshall has been a wonderful administrator and his level of expertise in the industry is really second to no one else." He also thanked the OSFM Engineering Section for their support in plan reviews for new facilities.

Chief Polk thanked Mr. Freeman for acknowledging Mrs. Yonce and Chief Hoshall. He advised that they have been the backbone of this program, and that he (Chief Polk) is extremely fortunate to have come into his position and have two staff members that are not only completely competent, but committed to working with the LP Gas industry.

Corky Clark, Executive Director of the SC Propane Gas Association, seconded Mr. Freeman's comments, and was grateful for the good working relationship OSFM has had with the propane gas industry. Chief Polk advised that there would be no staffing changes at OSFM and thanked Mr. Clark for his comments. Chief Polk advised that OSFM would still be the technical support component of the Board through Mrs. Price, and that Mrs. Yonce and Chief Hoshall would be staying at OSFM. Mr. Clark quipped that, "We'd like to take Ronnie with us; we know you won't give up Ray, but can we ask for Ronnie?" Chief Polk again thanked Mr. Clark for his kind comments. Chief Hoshall expressed his personal thanks to the Board, and the LP Gas industry for "the support you have provided us. Speaking for Ronnie and myself, you all have made this a joy, and I just wanted to say thank you to each Board member and industry associate."

### **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN**

An election was held as required by the Practice Act. The Board Administrator called for nominations from the floor. A nomination for Mr. Richard O'Sheal to serve as Chairman was made by Mr. John Butcher. No second is required. A call was made for additional nominations for Chairman, none being heard, the Board Administrator called for a voice vote. All members voted for Mr. O'Sheal for Chairman. The second position opened for nomination was for Vice Chairman. Mr. Lucas nominated Mr. John Butcher to serve as Vice Chairman. A call was made for additional nominations, none being heard, the Board Administrator called for a voice vote. All members voted for Mr. John Butcher to serve as Vice Chairman. Elections were closed and the meeting returned to Chairman O'Sheal.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board.  
Tindal/Butcher/Approved.

**Whereupon, at approximately 10:30 a.m. the meeting of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board was adjourned.**