

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION'S
ALCOHOL BEVERAGE COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 7TH DAY OF APRIL, 2022

The Caddo Parish Alcohol Beverage Committee met in legal session on the above date at 2:30 p.m., in the Government Plaza Chambers, with Mr. Hopkins, Chairman, presiding, and the following members in attendance: Commissioners Atkins, Hopkins, Johnson, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (5). ABSENT: Commissioner Epperson (1).

Mr. Johnson gave the invocation, and Mr. Lazarus led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS

At this time, the Clerk of the Commission swore the deputies and representatives of the businesses in.

- Express Mart Valero—7965 Old Mooringsport Road, Shreveport, LA (1st citation) (District 1)

Sgt. Scoggins came before the Committee and advised that one of their responsibilities is conducting underage alcohol operations throughout the year. On December 16, 2021, Det. Ardoin, Det. Harris, and CI#2009143 went to Express Mart Valero, 7965 Old Mooringsport Road, at about 7:55 p.m. The CI entered the store and was able to purchase a 40 oz bottle of Old English. The store clerk asked for the CI's ID, looked at it, and proceeded with the transaction. The cost of the purchase was \$2.49. Det. Ardoin observed this transaction from an unobstructed large window. After the purchase, Det. Harris issued a summons to Melissa Hicks for unlawful sales to a person under the age of 21 years, as well as not having an ABO card.

Mr. Shariff said that the store clerk checked the ID, but did not pay attention to the birthday because she was not wearing her glasses. He also mentioned that she was just hired, so she did not have enough time to get an ABO.

Mr. Hopkins wanted to know how long the cashier was working for the establishment. The representative said that she was employed for approximately 20 days.

It was **moved by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, *to recommend to the full body a first offense fine of \$250 to Express Mart—Valero.*

Mr. Atkins encouraged the business owner to all that he can to prevent happenings like this in the future.

At this time, Mr. Atkins' motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: Commissioners Atkins, Hopkins, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (4). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Epperson and Johnson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

- Stonewall Beverage Company—12800 Mansfield Road, Keithville, LA (2nd citation) (District 11)

Sgt. Scoggins said that on March 10, 2022, the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office conducted an underage alcohol sales operation. Det. Saunders, Det. Harris, and CI#2009140 went to Stonewall Beverage Company around 6:50 p.m. Det. Saunders witnessed the 20 year old CI purchase a bottle of Tito's Vodka for \$12 from store clerk, Angela Outsz. She was issued a summons for unlawful sales to a person under 21 and not having an ABO card.

Mr. Cole Dixon, Stonewall Beverage Company, said that they train their employees to check IDs. He said that Ms. Outsz should have known better.

Mr. Dixon also wanted to know if alcohol would need to be bagged for any item leaving the store. He also wanted to know if they were able to make Jell-O shots. Mr. Hopkins suggested that he contact the Alcohol Beverage Office to answer these questions. Mr. Dixon understood. He also mentioned that there is nothing on the State books.

It was **moved by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *to recommend to the full body a second offense fine of \$500 to Stonewall Beverage Company.*

Mr. Hopkins cautioned that this company was six days from a third violation. Mr. Dixon said that they did have a third violation last year.

At this time, Mr. Atkins' motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: Commissioners Atkins, Hopkins, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (4). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Epperson and Johnson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

- Triple J Travel Plaza—8311 Springridge Texas Line Road, Keithville, LA (1st citation)
(District 11)

Sgt. Scoggins

Triple J Travel Plaza representative came before the Commission and said that they've been in the community for quite some time. They also provide education and training regarding selling alcohol to minors.

It was **moved by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *to recommend to the full body a first offense fine of \$250 to Triple J Travel Plaza.* Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: Commissioners Atkins, Hopkins, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (4). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Epperson and Johnson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

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Sgt. Scoggins said that on December 16, 2021, Det. Ardoin, Det. Harris, and CI#2009143 went to Triple J Travel Plaza around 5:20 p.m. Det. Ardoin observed the CI purchase a 40 oz bottle of Old English for \$2.70. Det. Harris issued Iman Joban a summons for unlawful sales to a person under 21.

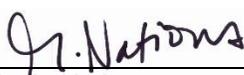
Simon Hassan, Triple J Travel Plaza, came before the Committee and explained that they provide training, verification terminals, etc. He also said that they've been having issues finding employees because of COVID.

- It was **moved by Mr. Atkins**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *to recommend to the full body a second offense fine of \$500 to Triple J Travel Plaza.* Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: Commissioners Atkins, Hopkins, Lazarus, and Taliaferro (4). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Epperson and Johnson (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

Sgt. Scoggins said that on March 10, 2022, Det Saunders, Det. Harris, and CI#2009140 went to Triple J Travel Plaza around 7:40 p.m. Det. Saunders observed the CI purchase a bottle of Stellar Rose Blueberry Wine for \$16. Det. Harris issued the store clerk, Tasha Wilson, a summons for unlawful sales to a person under 21.

Mr. Hassan said that Ms. Wilson just got her ABO the day before.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.



Michelle Nations
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