

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION'S
ALCOHOL BEVERAGE COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 6TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022

The Caddo Parish Alcohol Beverage Committee met in legal session on the above date at 2:00 p.m., in the Government Plaza Chambers, with Mr. Hopkins, Chairman, presiding, and the following members in attendance: Commissioners Atkins, Epperson, Hopkins, and Lazarus (4). ABSENT: Commissioners Johnson and Taliaferro (2).

Mr. Epperson 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.

- Elsie's Truck Stop—7101 LA Highway 1, Shreveport, LA (1st citation) (District 1)

The Clerk of the Commission stated that Elsie's Truck Stop already submitted their fine of \$250.

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

- First & Last Stop—10277 Linwood Avenue, Shreveport, LA (1st citation) (District 10)

Sgt. Scoggins said that on July 20, 2022, the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office conducted an underage alcohol sales operation. Det. Ardoin, Det. Harris, and the CI went to First & Last Stop around 6:35 p.m. Det. Ardoin witnessed the 19 year old CI purchase a Budweiser beer for \$1.95 from store clerk, Armar Hassan. He did not check the CI's driver's license, and he was issued a summons for unlawful sales to a person under 21.

Mr. Adele Hassan came before the Committee and said that he has meetings every two weeks with his employees about selling to underage.

Mr. Hopkins wanted to know if they have a machine to check the IDs. Mr. Hassan said that they did not, but they do have signage. Mr. Hopkins suggested that they purchase a machine.

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

- JR's Saloon—155996 LA Hwy 1, Vivian, LA 71082 (1st citation) (District 1)

Sgt. Scoggins said that on July 20, 2022, the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office conducted an underage alcohol sales operation. Det. Saunders, Det. Dickey, and the CI went to JR's Sallon around 8:00 p.m. Det. Saunders witnessed the 20 year old CI purchase a six pack of Miller Lite beer for \$8.00 from store clerk, Amanda Allen. She was issued a summons for unlawful sales to a person under 21.

The Clerk of the Commission noted that there was not a representative from JR's Saloon present today.

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

- Lickskillet Liquor—10106 US Hwy 79, Bethany, LA 71007 (2nd citation) (3rd citation) (District 12)

Sgt. Scoggins said that on July 20, 2022, the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office conducted an underage alcohol sales operation. Det. Ardoin, Det. Harris, and the CI went to Lickskillet Liquor around 8:00 p.m. The CI drove through the drive-thru with Det. Ardoin in the passenger seat. Det. Ardoin witnessed the 19 year old CI purchase a 375 mL bottle of Jim Beam Whiskey for \$10.30 from store clerk, Bridget Harris. She did not check the CI's driver's license, and he was issued a summons for unlawful sales to a person under 21.

Lloyd Hoover came before the Commission and said that they have the ID machine, as well as training for not selling to minors. He said that there is such a turnover of employees right now, and

he is not sure what else to do.

Mr. Epperson suggested also hearing the third citation prior to making a vote. The Committee then moved onto the third citation for Licksillet Liquor—10106 US Hwy 79, Bethany, LA 71007.

Sgt. Scoggins said that on August 4, 2022, the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office conducted an underage alcohol sales operation. Det. Ardoin, Det. Harris, and the CI went to Licksillet Liquor around 8:00 p.m. Det. Ardoin witnessed the 20 year old CI purchase a 200 mL bottle of Screwball Peanut Butter Whiskey for \$5.86 from store clerk, Andrew Neil. He did not check the CI's driver's license, and he was issued a summons for unlawful sales to a person under 21 and not having an ABO card.

Mr. Hoover said that Mr. Neil did have an ABO, but it was for the City of Shreveport. Mr. Hopkins explained that anything outside of the City of Shreveport needs to come from the Sheriff's Office for the Parish. Sgt. Scoggins agreed and said that the Sheriff does not assign cards for inside the city limits.

Mr. Hopkins cautioned that Mr. Hoover now has three violations. He said that the Committee could recommend to the full body to suspend his liquor license.

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *to recommend to the full body a second offense fine of \$250 and a third offense fine of \$500 for Licksillet Liquor.* Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Epperson, and Lazarus (3). NAYS: Commissioner Hopkins (1). ABSENT: Commissioners Johnson and Taliaferro (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

- Longwood General Store—3502 Hwy 169, Mooringsport, LA 71060 (1st citation) (District 1)

Sgt. Scoggins said that on July 20, 2022, the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office conducted an underage alcohol sales operation. Det. Saunders, Det. Dickey, and the CI went to JR's Saloon around 8:00 p.m. Det. Saunders witnessed the 19 year old CI purchase a 24 oz can of Busch Lite beer for \$2.82 from store clerk, Bonnie Walker. Ms. Walker checked the ID, and still sold to the underage CI. She was issued a summons for unlawful sales to a person under 21.

Mr. Signh Warrar said that they have no tolerance for underage sales with strict policies. He said that they train their employees on a regular basis. He said that the employee lost their job after this incident.

Mr. Atkins wanted to know if they have the electronic card readers. Mr. Warrar said that they do.

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

- Magnolia Clubhouse—22300 LA Highway 1, Rodessa, LA 71069 (1st citation) (District 1)

Sgt. Scoggins said that on July 20, 2022, the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office conducted an underage alcohol sales operation. Det. Saunders, Det. Dickey, and the CI went to Magnolia Clubhouse around 6:08 p.m. Det. Saunders witnessed the 20 year old CI purchase a four pack of Malibu Pina Colada cocktails for \$12.52 from store clerk, Angela Pawn. She was issued a summons for unlawful sales to a person under 21.

Mr. Justin Power said that the CI walked in smoking a vape, and should not have been doing that since she is not 21 years old. He trains his employees to not sell to persons under the age of 21. He also just purchased a card reader.

Sgt. Scoggins said that on August 4, 2022, the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office conducted an underage alcohol sales operation. Det. Ardoin, Det. Dickey, and the CI went to Magnolia Clubhouse around 6:10 p.m. Det. Ardoin witnessed the 19 year old CI purchase a six pack of Bud Light Platinum beer for \$9.83 from store clerk, Cheyenne Morgan. She checked the CI's driver's license, but still proceeded with the sale. She was issued a summons for unlawful sales to a person under 21.

Mr. Power said that person was terminated.

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to recommend to the full body a first and second offense fine of \$650 to Magnolia Clubhouse.* Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Atkins, Epperson, Hopkins, and Lazarus (4). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioners Johnson and Taliaferro (2). ABSTAIN: None (0).

- Cowhands Tobacco—11623 Highway 80, Greenwood, LA 71033 (1st citation) (District 12)

Sgt. Scoggins said that on August 4, 2022, the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office conducted

an underage alcohol sales operation. Det. Ardoin, Det. Harris, and the CI went to Cowhands Tobacco around 8:20 p.m. Det. Ardoin witnessed the 20 year old CI attempt to purchase a 20 oz frozen Hurricane beverage, but due to the malfunction of the machine, the store clerk gave the alcoholic beverage to the CI for no charge. The store clerk was later identified as Charles Davis, and he was issued a summons for unlawful sales to a person under 21.

Mr. Michael Hayes agreed with Sgt. Scoggins. He said that he didn't check the CI's ID, but is normally good about checking IDs. Mr. Hayes said that he does not have a ID scanner, but will be purchasing one.

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

- S&A Truck Stop—12300 Mansfield Road, Keithville, LA 71047 (1st citation) (District 11)

Sgt. Scoggins said that on August 4, 2022, the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office conducted an underage alcohol sales operation. Det. Ardoin, Det. Harris, and the CI went to S&A Truckstop around 6:16 p.m. Det. Ardoin witnessed the 20 year old CI purchase a 750 mL bottle of blueberry magartia wine cocktail for \$9.74. The store clerk was later identified as Sagam Ria, and he was issued a summons for unlawful sales to a person under 21 and not having an ABO card.

There was no representative to S&A Truck Stop in attendance today. They did receive a letter.

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

- Super S Crawdaddy's—12298 Mansfield Road, Keithville, LA 71047 (1st citation) (District 11)

Sgt. Scoggins said that on August 4, 2022, the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office conducted an underage alcohol sales operation. Det. Ardoin, Det. Harris, and the CI went to Super S Crawdaddy's around 6:00 p.m. Det. Ardoin witnessed the 20 year old CI purchase a six pack of Ranch Water for \$10.40 The store clerk was later identified as Tariq Akbar, and he was issued a summons for unlawful sales to a person under 21.

The representative from Super S Crawdaddy's stated that this is the first citation in the forty years they've been open. He also explained that he tried scanning her card, but it didn't work, so he took out his calculator and checked the year on it. It came back that she was 36 years old. He then asked if he has to accept the LA Wallet ID or Real ID because it could be fake.

Mr. Epperson wanted to know if the ID scanners are capable of handling the Real IDs. Sgt. Scoggins said that he was not sure, but it should.

Mr. Atkins suggested that the store owner accept the documents at his own peril.

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

- Tobacco Country—11590 Hwy 80, Greenwood, LA 71033 (1st citation) (District 12)

Sgt. Scoggins said that on August 4, 2022, the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office conducted an underage alcohol sales operation. Det. Ardoin, Det. Harris, and the CI went to Tobacco Country around 8:37 p.m. Det. Ardoin witnessed the 20 year old CI purchase a pint of Crown Royale Apple for \$18.50 The store clerk was later identified as Karen Jones, and she was issued a summons for unlawful sales to a person under 21 and no ABO.

Tobacco Country representative agreed with Sgt. Scoggins' testimony and said that the employee was later terminated.

Mr. Epperson requested that the representative let the Commission know when she purchases her ID scanning machine.

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

Mr. Epperson said that something needs to be done with changing the legislation where the violators of selling to underage persons be held more accountable.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.



Michelle Nations
Assistant Commission Clerk