

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION'S  
ALCOHOL BEVERAGE COMMITTEE  
HELD ON THE 4TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023

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. Epperson, presiding, and the following members in attendance: Commissioners Blake, Burrell, Epperson, Hopkins, and Lazarus (5). ABSENT: Commissioner Johnson (1).

Mr. Burrell gave the invocation, and Mr. Hopkins 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—7965 Old Mooringsport Road, Shreveport, LA 71107  
1<sup>st</sup> Offense (District 1)

Sgt. Mike King said that the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office conducted an underage alcohol sales operation. They were able to utilize a Caddo Parish Sheriff's Deputy who is under the age of 21. The deputy was able to purchase alcohol from the clerk. The manager/owner both agreed to this testimony.

Mr. Hopkins wanted to know if there was an ID scanner in place for the cashiers to use. The manager stated that there is, but the employee still sold to the underage deputy.

Mr. Epperson wanted to know if the employee was terminated. The manager stated that the employee was not terminated. He also explained that the employee had to go to court and pay a fine.

It was **moved by Mr. Hopkins**, seconded by Mr. Lazarus, *to recommend to the full body a first offense fine of \$250 to the Express Mart.* Motion carried, as shown by the following roll call votes: AYES: Commissioners Blake, Burrell, Epperson, Hopkins, and Lazarus (5). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Johnson (1). ABSENT: None (0).

- Longwood General Store—3502 Hwy 169, Mooringsport, LA 71060  
1<sup>st</sup> Offense (District 1)

The Clerk of the Commission informed the Committee that Longwood General Store submitted an email (attached to the agenda) stating they terminated the employee who sold alcohol to an underage person. The email requested the amount owed for this action.

At this time, **Mr. Hopkins moved**, seconded by Mr. Burrell, *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 Blake, Burrell, Epperson, Hopkins, and Lazarus (5). NAYS: None (0). ABSENT: Commissioner Johnson (1). ABSENT: None (0).

The Clerk of the Commission explained that after this committee, these actions will be placed on the next Work Session and Regular Session agendas to come before the full body for final vote.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

  
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