

## Minutes

### Hodge Fire Protection District 1

#### Regular Meeting

November 15, 2021

The Hodge Fire Protection District 1 board of commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 15, 2021 at the fire station in North Hodge.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Ralph Laffitte.

Chairman Laffitte opened the meeting with prayer.

Present: Robbie Howard, Commissioner; Ralph Laffitte, Commissioner; Hal Mims, Commissioner.

Absent: Wes Harvey, Commissioner; Thomas Holland Jr., Commissioner.

Guest: Michael Heard, Fire Chief

Comments from guests: None

Amendments to agenda: None

Approval of agenda: The agenda was approved on a motion by Mims and second by Howard.

Unless otherwise stated all motions were approved unanimously.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the meeting of October 18, 2021 were approved on a motion by Howard with second by Mims.

Approval of expenditures and collections: The statements of expenditures and collections for October 2021 were approved on a motion by Mims with second by Howard.

Old Business: Past due parcel fee collections are continuing.

New Business:

Fire fighter reimbursement for 2021 will be reviewed for approval in a special meeting to be held soon.

The board discussed opening a debit card account with Hodge Bank. The account will be authorized with one signature including either Ralph Laffitte, Hal Mims, Alayna Huckaby or Michael Heard. The maximum daily account usage was set at \$2500. The account will include debit card only.

A motion was made by Mims with second by Howard to approve the debit card account with Hodge Bank. Commissioner Laffitte concurred with this action.

The board discussed submitting a letter to the police jury requesting equipment update funding assistance through any grant money available. Chief Heard will submit the letter as soon as possible.



**Fire Chief Report:** For October 2021 Chief Heard reported 19 volunteer fire fighters, 8 EMS calls, 1 grass fire, 3 vehicle wrecks, 1 animal rescue, 1 tree down, 2 fire alarms, and 1 mutual aid call to Jonesboro for tanker support. Chief also requested and received permission to discard old computer and unserviceable equipment. Chief also requested and received permission for fire fighter gift purchase.

Chairman Laffitte stated the next regular scheduled meeting would be January 17, 2022. Laffitte also stated a special meeting will be called for fire fighter reimbursement approval.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 pm on motion by Howard and second by Mims.