

Minutes

Hodge Fire Protection District 1

Regular Meeting

August 15, 2022

The Hodge Fire Protection District 1 board of commissioners met in regular session Monday, August 15, 2022 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: Commissioner, Wes Harvey; Commissioner, Thomas Holland Jr.; Commissioner, Robbie Howard; Commissioner, Ralph Laffitte; Commissioner Hal Mims.

Guests: Chief Michael Heard

Comments from guests: None

Amendments to Agenda: None

Unless otherwise stated all motions were approved unanimously.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the meeting of July 18, 2022 were approved on a motion by Howard and second by Holland.

Approval of expenditures and collections: The statement of expenditures and collections for July 2022 were approved on a motion by Harvey and second by Mims.

Old Business:

Past due parcel fee collections by On Scene Fire Fighters were discussed. The total certified letters recommended by Heather Holland at this time is 233.

New Business:

Past Due Parcels Certified Letters: The board approved the sending of approximately 25% of the certified letters for past due parcels at this time due to budget concerns. Approved on a motion by Howard and second by Harvey.

Past Due Parcel Attorney: The board approved hiring Attorney Doug Stokes for collection of past due parcels after certified mailing is completed on a motion by Mims and second by Holland.

Past Due Parcel Due Date: The board approved the date of August 1, 2022 as the final date for all past due parcel fees to be due and collectible on a motion by Mims and second by Holland.

Property Insurance Association of Louisiana (PIAL) Review: The board discussed assistance from the Quitman Fire Chief to help with the upcoming review and decided further discussion will be held in a future meeting.

2023 Budget: The board reviewed and approved the 2023 budget on a motion by Howard and second by Mims.

Chiefs Report: Chief Heard reported 9 EMS calls, 2 vehicle wrecks, 1 structure fire, 1 dumpster fire, 3 alarm fires, 1 tree down, no mutual aid calls and 1 drill on driver training.

Eighteen volunteer fire fighters are currently with the department.

- Chief Heard stated 3 radios could be requested through a Pledge 10 Grant in the near future. The Chief is working on this application.

The chairman set the next regular meeting for September 19, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm on a motion by Howard and second by Holland.