

MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION

HODGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 1

November 20, 2023

The Hodge Fire Protection District 1 board of commissioners met in regular session Monday November 20, 2023, at the fire station in North Hodge.

The meeting was called to order at 6:16 pm by Chairman Ralph Laffitte. Chairman Laffitte opened the meeting with prayer.

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

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

Guests: Assistant Chief Kimberly Reed and Chief Michael Heard

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 regular meeting on October 16, 2023, were approved on a motion by Mims and second by Howard.

Approval of financial reports: The statements of expenditures and collections for October 2023 were approved on a motion by Howard and second by Mims.

Old Business: Parcel fee collections is continuing.

New Business: The board reviewed fire fighter reimbursement for 2023 and approved at \$250 maximum per fire fighter according to the schedule of training and attendance provided by the chief. Motion by Howard and second by Laffitte. Mr. Mims recused himself from voting. The total reimbursement is \$2330.00 for the year,

The reimbursement scale was previously approved as follows:

1-5.9% = \$41.50

6 – 11.9% = \$83.00

12 – 17.9 % = \$124.50

18 – 23.9% = \$166.00

24 – 29.9 % = \$207.50

30% and above = \$250.00

Current firefighters included Michael Heard, Jerry Robinson, Kimberly Reed, Judson Rogers, Hal Mims, Remington Heard, Elizabeth Maxwell, Andrew Brown, Travis Reed, Joanie Cannady, Breanna Cannady, Blake Tims, Caleb Kennedy, Chris Horton, Sarah Heard and Tristen Tims.

Chiefs report October 2023: Assistant Chief Reed reported 7 EMS calls, 1 vehicle wreck, 1 gas leak and 1 regular drill on tank usage.

Pumper 757 is still out of service since the tank has been sent to the factory in California for warranty repair.

The year end report from November 13, 2022, through November 18, 2023, included the following calls.

110 EMS calls, 19 Vehicle wrecks, 10 trees down, 6 brush fires, 3 fires, 2 fire alarms, 3 power lines, 1 traffic hazard and 15 drills.

The chairman set the next regular meeting for December 18, 2023.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm on a motion by Mims with a second by Howard.