MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION

Hodge Fire Protection District 1

May 19, 2025

The Hodge Fire Protection District 1 board of commissioners met in regular session on Monday May 19, 2025, at the fire station in North Hodge.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 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.

Guest: Ernie Lewter; Lewter Land Services

Comments from Guest: None

Unless otherwise stated all motions were approved unanimously.

Amendments to agenda: None

Approval of agenda: The agenda for the regular session meeting of May 19, 2025, was approved on a motion by Mims and second by Howard.

Approval of minutes: The regular session meeting minutes of March 17, 2025, were approved on a motion by Howard and second by Mims.

Old Business:

Parcel fee collections: Ernie Lewter of Lewter Land Services reported,

$770 collected in April 2025

$1300 collected in May 2025

The board received a bill from Lewter Land Services of $4500 for collection services. The board agreed the bill should be paid as soon as possible based on the amount of work performed as previously approved by the board.

Mr. Lewter suggested the addition of a drop box near the fire station so people could drop off payments.

Previous approved action for Pine Hill fire station: The board approved the previous polled action (April 26, 2025) to hire HD Property Maintenance $2000 to clear bamboo and other trees around the Pine Hill fire station on a motion by Howard and second by Mims.

Chiefs report: Chief Heard reported 5 EMS calls, 1 vehicle wreck, and 1 regular drill on communication with 19 volunteer fire fighters for March and 5 EMS calls, 1 fire alarm, and 1 regular drill on driver training with 19 volunteer fire fighters for April 2025.

The chairman set the next regular session meeting for Monday June 16, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm on a motion by Mims and second by Howard.