

MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
HODGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 1
MAY 20, 2024

The Hodge Fire Protection District 1 board of commissioners met in regular session Monday, May 20, 2024, 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, Thomas Holland Jr., Commissioner, Robbie Howard; Commissioner, Ralph Laffitte; Commissioner, Hal Mims.

Absent: Commissioner, Wes Harvey

Guests: Ernie and Wilma Lewter of Lewter Land Services
Fire Chief Michael Heard

Comments from guests;

Ernie and Wilma Lewter discussed services they would provide for collecting past due parcels for the department. They would provide research including courthouse records and contacting the collection attorney as needed. They also stated they would be willing to help with mailing and collecting future parcel fees.

Unless otherwise stated all motions were approved unanimously.

Amendments to agenda: None

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

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the regular meeting of March 18 and special meeting, of March 21, 2024, were approved on a motion by Mims and second by Howard.

Old Business: Parcel fee collections is continuing.

The board discussed hiring Lewter Land Services to collect past due parcels.

After discussing the need for collecting past due parcels for previous years the board approved hiring Lewter Land Services on a motion by Holland with second by Howard.

Parcel Fee Renewal election process is being handled by the Foley and Judell Law office of New Orleans. The process is proceeding according to the schedule provided by Foley and Jodell for the December 7, 2024, election.

New Business: The Chairman reported he and Wes Harvey attended the police jury meeting of May 8, 2024. The meeting consisted of the police jury president and surrounding fire chiefs within the parish. Discussion included the upcoming parcel fee election and future possibilities of combination with adjacent fire districts. Also, discussed the recent PIAL review for the district.

Chiefs Report: Chief Heard reported the following.

March – 5 EMS calls, 1 vehicle wreck, and 1 drill.

April – 6 medical calls, 2 vehicle wrecks, 4 brush fires, 1 mutual aid structure fire and 1 drill.

Membership stands at 17 volunteer fire fighters.

The chairman set the next regular meeting for June 17, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm on a motion by Howard with second, by Mims.