

Minutes  
Regular Session  
Hodge Fire Protection District 1  
June 17, 2024

The Hodge Fire Protection District 1 board of commissioners met in regular session Monday, June 17, 2024, at the fire station in North Hodge.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 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: Fire Chief, Michael Heard

Comments from guests: None

Unless otherwise stated all motions were approved unanimously.

Amendments to agenda: The agenda was amended to add Review for approval of Resolution for special election to be held December 7, 2024, for renewal of \$72 parcel fee for the district.

The amended agenda was approved on a motion by Mims with second by Holland.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the regular meeting held Monday, May 20, 2024, were approved on a motion by Holland and second by Mims.

**New Business:**

Approval of officers: The Board of Commissioners discussed officers and elected to keep current officers with Laffitte as president and Mims as Vice-President with the addition of Robbie Howard as Secretary on a motion by Mims with second by Holland.

**Old Business:**

Financial Reports: The statement of expenditures and collections for May 2024 was reviewed and approved on a motion by Holland and second by Howard.

Special Election for Parcel Fee Renewal: The board reviewed the notice of special election for the renewal of the \$72 parcel fee for the district. The special election is to be held in the voting precincts within the district on December 7, 2024. The legal team of Foley & Judel, L.L.P. of New Orleans is handling the election for the district. The notice of special election will be published by the Ruston Daily Leader, September 27, October 4, October 11 and October 18, 2024. The vote for this action was approved by 4 "Yea" votes and 0 "Nay" votes and 1 member "Absent".

Parcel fee collections: Lewter land services has begun work on past due parcels. Mail outs will occur soon.

Chiefs Report: Chief Heard reported for the month of May, 12 EMS calls, 2 Trees down, 1 Gas Leak, 1 Hazzard (transformer blown out), 1 vehicle fire and 2 brush fires. One drill on driver training. Seventeen volunteer fire fighters are on staff.

Chairman Laffitte set the next regular meeting for July 15, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

Adjourn: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 pm on a motion by Mims with second by Howard.