

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on September 25, 2019, at Fire Station 41.

John Knowles presented a power point on collaborative training grounds upgrades. The training facility and drill tower is in need of repairs and upgrades. Walla Walla City Fire, Walla Walla Co. Fire District #4 and College Place Fire are all in agreement of these upgrades. The presentation will be brought before the city and all entities will move forward with these plans.

The regular meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. by Commissioner Emilio Buttice. All Commissioners and Secretary/Chief Rocky Eastman were present. Guests included Debbie Mobley and Brian Jones. Captain John Knowles left after his presentation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Buttice.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 10, 2019 were approved as mailed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Financial Report for August was approved as presented.

The Secretary's Budget Report for August was presented, reviewed and approved.

The 2020 Budget Workshop is scheduled for Friday, September 27th at 3:00 PM.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Eastman announced that Jestin Goodson has accepted the Firefighter-Paramedic position. His start date will be October 1, 2019. We will have his pinning ceremony on that evening at 6:00 PM.

Brandon Cadwell has had his surgery and it went well. It has been recommended that he be off work for at least six months.

The annual hydrant testing at the Port of Walla Walla is now complete. Lt. Slater was the lead on this project.

The Washington State Rating Bureau site visit was last week and went well. It will take approximately 30-45 days to get the results back.

Dean has completed the annual pump testing for the County with the exception of Waitsburg.

The District semi-annual Brochure we put out during Fire Prevention Week is currently being worked on and hope to mail out early October.

The Auxiliary will be having a flapjack fundraiser at Applebee's again this year on October 5th from 8am to 10am. Due to unfortunate circumstances last year, Applebee's will not be charging the Auxiliary. Anyone who was there and experienced a long wait or did not get breakfast served is welcome to stop by Station 41 and pick up a ticket.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The ESCI feasibility study site visits took place this week. Commissioner Hector spoke to a volunteer captain who thought it went well after a better understanding from the guest speakers.

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Commissioner Hector is near completion of the evaluation form for Chief Eastman and would like to move forward with this. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to move forward with the evaluation process.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Eastman spoke on the SW WFCMA meeting he attended. Attendance was low. A presentation on Healthcare was given. Prescription provider will change and new cards will be sent out. Also reported that Commissioner Steve Carlson of Columbia County Fire District 3 will not renew his seat on the Board. Rick Turner will take his place in January.

Commissioner Hector handed out copies of the evaluation forms he has received back so far. Fifteen were given to staff and there are still a few out.

AUDIENCE INPUT

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on October 9, 2019 at 4:00 P.M. at station #41.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

Approved by: _____, Chairman