

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on October 13, 2021 at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Hector. Commissioner Farrens and Secretary/Chief Rocky Eastman were present at station 41. Guests included Megan Waite in person at station 41. John Golden and Brian Jones via Zoom. Commissioner Myrick was absent due to illness.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Hector.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 22, 2021 and the Special Meeting minutes of September 29, 2021 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Farrens. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The September Commissioners Activity Reports were reviewed and approved by each Commissioner.

Snure Seminar will be October 20th from 6pm to 9pm

WFCA Conference registration is complete and all lodging reservations are secured at Tulalip Resort.

CHIEF'S REPORT

The EMS response and transport report for the month of September was provided. One hundred nineteen responses for the month of September. Twenty-eight fire responses and ninety-one EMS responses with Thirty-six transports completed in September.

Chief Eastman reports Dean Atkinson is officially back to work as of October 1. Dean & Kyle have knocked out the pump testing and are starting on annual checks. He is still hoping to retire the end of the year

Chief Eastman presented a contract for Garden Family Shows event this weekend. We are charging more than usual due to the short notice and length of event; we may need to cover with career staff. Motion made by Commissioner Farrens to approve agreement. Commissioner Hector seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Captain's testing is scheduled for December 1st and 2nd. We are seeing lots of interest for the test.

We received donations in honor of Emilio Buttice in the amount of \$450. One of the things we would like to use the money for, mechanical siren on E3411. With Millie's history we thought it would be a nice way to honor his memory.

New lawn mower ordered zero turn with 60" deck and bagger. The purchase price was \$14,012.03.

Covid mandate update, we have gone through all exemptions. Chief Eastman reports we will not be losing any fire personnel due to covid, accommodations start next week for exemption people. MOU with the union was drafted. Farrens moved to adopt MOU with Local 4514. Commissioner Hector seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Payroll and expense vouchers numbered 211001001 through 211001055 were presented for payment. Chief Eastman reviewed some of the big-ticket items. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve the expense vouchers. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried. The total for these were \$178,331.03.

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Review preliminary 2022 budgets which has to be approved by November 15th. Chief Eastman reviewed the Levy revenue which is projected to be around \$1.06/mil. We should consider a lid lift in the future. Chief Eastman went through the budget explaining line items. Budget meeting scheduled for October 19th, at 2pm.

ARFF increase for 2022, our labor increase due to wages and benefits is going to be 5.8%. Our ARFF contract allows up to 5% increase, for 2022. Chief Eastman recommends an increase of 4-5%, looking at an unknown future of flights. After a discussion, Commissioner Farrens motioned for a 5% for 2022. Commissioner Hector seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

AUDIENCE INPUT

Megan Waite thanked the commissioners for the opportunity to go to the Administrative Assistant conference in Chelan last week. She reports learning a lot and made some great contacts.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on October 27, 2021 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Rocky Eastman, Secretary

Approved by: _____, Chairman