

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on December 22, 2021 at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Hector. All Commissioners and Secretary/Chief Rocky Eastman were present. Guests included Deputy Chief John Golden, Brian Jones, and Megan Waite.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Hector.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 8, 2021 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Farrens. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

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

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Eastman reported Dean Atkinson is retiring 12-31-21 as a career firefighter and will start 1/1/22 as a volunteer at Station 44! Dean's retirement party is scheduled for January 17th, 6pm at station 41. The Auxiliary will be hosting a meatball dinner. Dean has done a great job training and working with Kyle, they have almost completed annuals. Jon Spracklen has accepted a position with the City of Walla Walla and has submitted his official resignation, his last day will be 12-28-2021. Jose Tolentino has a conditional offer from City of Pasco and will most likely be submitting resignation mid-January.

Chief Eastman reported advertisement for Entry Level Firefighter/EMT, Entry Level Firefighter/Paramedic, and Lateral Firefighter/Paramedic have been submitted in the multiple locations. Testing to establish a list is scheduled for January 27th and 28th, 2022. We are hoping to have vacant positions filled by March 1, 2022.

Chief Eastman and Deputy Chief Golden completed Captains' interviews yesterday. All candidates had good interviews. Chief Eastman commended everyone who assisted with the testing and interviewing. The newly appointed Captain promotions will be effective February 1, 2022.

2022 Officer Meeting schedule was distributed to Commissioners.

Chief Eastman will be on Vacation December 28th – January 5th, back in the office January 6th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chief Eastman had presented a draft for the Training Officer job description at the December 8th meeting. Resolution 2021-07; A resolution updating Policy 500-011 was presented. Commissioner Farrens motioned to approve policy 500-011. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved and signed.

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Chief Golden has been checking on a wireless microphone system for station 41 classroom. Deputy Chief Golden has a product in mind and will consult with Brandon McKinney to confirm compatibility with current system.

AUDIENCE INPUT

Brian Jones thanked the Commissioners for the Christmas card.

At 4:19 Commissioner Hector called for an executive session as allowed by RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate the performance of a public employee. The executive session will be for 30 minutes.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on January 12th, 2022 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

Approved by: _____, Chairman