

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on March 23, 2022 at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Farrens. All Commissioners and Secretary/Chief Rocky Eastman were present at Station 41. Guests included Deputy Chief John Golden, Brian Jones and Megan Waite in person.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Farrens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 9, 2022 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Hector. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

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

Annual personal financial affairs filing deadline is April 15th. All Commissioner reported they have completed the filing.

Chief Eastman confirmed all Commissioners are set for the WFCAs seminar in Spokane on April 2nd.

The department has a safe deposit box at Baker Boyer Bank. Authorized users need updated as Emilio Buttice is still listed as an authorized signer. Chief Eastman recommended removing Emilio Buttice and adding Deputy Chief John Golden. Commissioner Hector motioned to remove Emilio Buttice and add John Golden as authorized signers for the safe deposit box at Baker Boyer Bank. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Eastman gave a staffing update. New members Zach Hubbard and Timothy Bowen started last week, both are doing great and adjusting very well! They are working through a 3-week orientation before being moved to their respective shifts. Cody Orange-Worden has received a conditional offer from the City of Walla Walla Fire Department. Unofficially, another career firefighter has also received a conditional offer from the City of Walla Walla Fire Department. Chief Eastman reports we will start the hiring process to fill these two vacancies. Will also start the hiring process for four summer hire positions. Some residents have shown interest in being summer hires.

District 4 had 3 members complete the EMT Class, they will be taking the National registry test. Chief Golden recruited new members from the EMT class. Our volunteer paramedic David Siviter is doing a great job providing a refresher course to help other members get through the national registry test. The recruit academy is going well, this is our first academy that offers IFSAC FFII certification.

Chief Eastman reviewed the two City of Walla Walla Annexation petitions for individual parcels.

Deputy Chief Golden will be on vacation March 25th to April 9th and Chief Eastman will be on vacation April 1st to April 12th. Captain Davin will be next in charge.

Chief Eastman reported the building for the drill tower is being constructed in Phoenix and the concrete is being poured at the drill tower site. The project is moving along well.

Chief Eastman announced he wishes to continue his seat on WFC Board of Directors for the next two years and is asking the Board for approval to do so. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Farrens motioned to approve a letter of support for his re-election nomination. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Farrens opened the floor for anyone to continue discussion on his previous motion to resend resolution 2018-06. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Farrens moved to amend his previous motion to "I move that we resend the resolution about the regional fire authority, as I believe the intent has already been met, yet continue to explore the possibility to improve service to the citizens of fire district 4 and continue collaboration discussion with Walla Walla Fire Department and College Place Fire Department." Commissioner Farrens motioned to approve the amendment to the original motion. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion, Commissioner Hector opposed. Motion carried by two-thirds majority vote. Commissioner Farrens motioned to approve amended motion. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion, Commissioner Hector opposed the motion. Motion carried by two-thirds majority vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire protection Oregon contract with Kyle Kennedy at 84855 Hwy 11, Milton-Freewater, OR. The property was under contract with previous owner Marlin Good. Commissioner Farrens motioned to approve contract. Commissioners Myrick seconded and was carried.

AUDIENCE INPUT

None

At 4:48 P.M Commissioner Farrens called for an executive session as allowed by RCW 42.30.140 relating to collective bargaining issues and negotiations. The executive session will be for 30 minutes.

At 5:45 P.M the regular meeting reconvened.

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 April 13th, 2021 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

Approved by: _____, Chairman