

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on April 27, 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 April 13, 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 March was approved as presented.

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

Chief Eastman advised of an additional training opportunity Friday at the WFCOA Spring Seminar in Chelan. None of the attendees are able to attend Friday.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Eastman gave a staffing update. Jes and Cody have both completed their last day of work and will be starting May 2nd with City of Walla Walla Fire. Chief Eastman reports conditional offers have been made, and verbally accepted, by Ariel Morfin and Brian Gourdin. Ariel is a Firefighter/ Paramedic student from Benton #1, he should complete paramedic school in June. Brian Gourdin is currently a paramedic with Lifeflight, and was previously trained as a Fire Fighter in Colorado. Background checks and physicals are pending. Preliminary start date of June 6, 2022. Chief Eastman also reported we will have five summer hires to help with the shortage in career staff and added events. The summer hire staff will have staggered start and end dates. Commissioner Myrick inquired if any progress had been made with resident sharing with College Place Fire, Chief Eastman reported that brief discuss with Chief Winter but no further action at this time.

Drill Tower building scheduled to be delivered Monday, May 2. City of Walla Walla Deputy Chief Knowles reported a tentative open house is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10th, they are also looking to purchase and move one of the portable trailers from Wa-Hi. The cost of portable is proposed to be split between City of Walla Walla Fire, College Place Fire and Walla Walla County Fire District #4.

Chief Eastman reported our new SCBA's are scheduled to ship the end of next week. In-service trainings are scheduled for Monday, May 9th at Stations 11-1 and 41. The old SCBA's will be used as training packs.

Chief Eastman advised the new Deputy Chief Pick-up does not have a build date listed with Ford. Originally it was estimated to be delivered in early May. The desire was to have the pick-up in service before Deputy Chief Golden start date of July 1, 2022.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chief Eastman presented suggested changes to the policy Charging for Services, section 300-008. An increase was suggested to our service fee to cover the costs of providing EMS services at Community events. In addition, policy 400-01 was presented with an increase in points given for EMS stand-by's and Demolition Derby's. After review of the draft policies, the board was supportive of the changes and advised Chief Eastman to bring a resolution for approval at the next regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Farrens thanked Chief Eastman and Megan Waite for a great job putting the banquet together. The retired members greatly appreciated the invitation.

Commissioner Meeting, April 27, 2022

Commissioner Farrens asked to move the next commissioner meeting to Tuesday, May 10th at 4:00 pm.

AUDIENCE INPUT

Megan reported she will not be at the May 10th/11th meeting.

At 4:35 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 5:05 P.M Commissioner Farrens announced that the executive session be extended for another 35 minutes.

At 5:40 P.M the regular meeting reconvened.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10th, 2021 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

Approved by: _____, Chairman