

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on May 12, 2021 at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Hector. Commissioners Myrick and Farrens, Secretary/Chief Rocky Eastman were present at station 41. Guests included John Golden, Brian Jones, Bill Box, Tim Doggett, Sebastian Schieff and Megan Waite in person at station 41.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Hector.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda approved

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 28, 2021 motioned for approval by Commissioner Myrick. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

Fire Commissioner Position 3 filing period is May 17 to May 21, 2021.

WFCA legislative report was reviewed.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Eastman reviewed EMS transports for the month of April. Thirty-five transports were completed in April.

Chief Eastman reported Kyle Crosswhite and Jose Tolentino completed the ARFF training and testing. Commendations to Bill Box, Phil Tonn, Casey Sewell & Jes Goodson on assisting with training. Cody Worden attends ARFF school next week in San Bernardino, California.

Terry & Marilyn Carlsen made an offer to purchase property at 604 Abbott (.448 acres) for \$365,000 with contingencies. Todd Wright and Ben Wolfram did a great job representing the department during the purchase/sale agreement. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Farrens motioned to accept offer. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried. Chief Eastman is working with attorney Steve Frol to complete easements for D4 to retain ownership of irrigation pump and water rights.

Chief Eastman reported the FireComm headsets for E3411 and 6 grass trucks have arrived and are in the process of being installed.

Pinning's tonight at 6pm, we will be pinning 3 officers and 2 new hires. We would like to do another pinning for new firefighters on May 20th in two sessions, 6pm and 7pm

Participation is up in the training groups with other agencies. The overall morale is great! Vector solutions is working great! Lt. Bill Box has done a great job organizing the trainings!

Dean Atkinson is planning to return August 1, then will retire October 31st.

Training tower update, City of Walla Walla Deputy Fire Chief Knowles reported they are getting close to going out to bid again but this time for the entire scope of work. PBS will be managing bid process.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution 2021-03 amending Policies & Procedures for chapters 300 and 400. Commissioner Farrens motioned to approve resolution. Commissioner Hector seconded motion was carried.

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Apparatus replacement plan was discussed. Commissioner Hector thanked the Apparatus committee for all of their work so far. Commissioner Hector noted that he is not pleased with the direction but would go with the committee's recommendation and he wanted to make sure the committee was going to stay active and wanted them to revisit their formula to take a look at alternatives in develop specs with justifications. After a discussion, Commissioner Hector motioned to approve moving forward with the purchasing of a rescue/ambulance, type 1 engine, and two water tenders. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried. Commissioner Hector would like to see the apparatus replacement plan revisited and not have the age be such a heavy factor.

NEW BUSINESS

Payroll and expense vouchers numbered 10501001 through 10501050 were presented for payment. Chief Eastman reviewed some of the big-ticket items. Commissioner Farrens motioned to approve the expense vouchers. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried. The total for these were \$204,624.04.

Review and consider quotes for re-roofing stations 42 & 43. Todd Reiswig obtained bids for re-roofing flat portions of stations 42 & 43. Four bids were provided, 2 vendors choose not to bid. Bids have comparable material, warranty and process. Deputy Chief Golden inquired if new gutters and downspouts were included, Chief Eastman advised they were not but we should consider adding them. The bids were as follows excluding sales tax: R&Z Roofing - \$27,697.46, Elsom Roofing - \$42,445.00, \$40,840.00, and Gillespie Roofing - \$ 53,100.00. After review and consideration, Commissioner Farrens motioned to accept RZ constructions bid. Commissioner Myrick seconded motion was carried.

AUDIENCE INPUT

None.

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 May 26, 2021 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

Approved by: _____, Chairman