

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on May 25, 2022 at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Chairman Farrens. All Commissioners were present at Station 41, Secretary/Chief Rocky Eastman via zoom. 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 May 10, 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 April was approved as presented. Chief Eastman reported a transfer of \$500,000 was made from the Expense account to the reserve account. The transfer was actually supposed to transfer \$500,000 from the Reserve account to the expenses resulting in a transfer of \$1,000,000 from reserve to expense account.

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

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Eastman gave a staffing update. Brian Gourdin and Ariel Morfin have completed and met the conditional requirements; the plan is for both to start on June 6th. Two of our summer hires started in June to help cover the staffing shortages. Commissioner Myrick inquired if we are at full staff, Chief Eastman stated we should be operating with a full staff by mid-June. New hires Zach Hubbard & Timothy Bowen are completing the ARFF training in Pasco this week. The plan is to send Brian Gourdin and Ariel Morfin to ARFF in Helena, MT the end of June.

Chief Eastman reported our SCBA's have arrived! We are in the process of inventorying them and scheduling our training, to hopefully be in-service first part of June.

Walla Walla and College Place City Council Workshop meeting took place to discuss various topics, one of which was fire collaborations. College Place city council was not interested in spending more money on studies. College Place council expressed concern over the cost of collaboration. Walla Walla officials express interest in joining College Place with an RFA, and felt that combining three agencies may be to challenging. The meeting was recorded and is available for viewing online. Commissioner Farrens felt the meeting ended with more questions than answers and that it was one of several areas discussed at the meeting.

Chief Eastman reported our Braun representative expects the chassis to be delivered to them in early October, our contract has a delivery date the end of October. Not sure at this time if that will delay delivery of the ambulance. Additionally, the new deputy chief pickup is still on hold with no build date. Chief Eastman suggested apparatus replacement may need to be looked at sooner rather than later, since current delivery for new apparatus is projected to be 24-36 months.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chief Eastman presented the revised collective bargaining agreement with Local 4514. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve the contract as presented. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Eastman asked for the Commissioner to review section 600 of the policies and procedure manual for discussion at next meeting.

AUDIENCE INPUT

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None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on Wed, June 8th, 2022 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

Approved by: _____, Chairman