

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on July 22, 2020 via Zoom online.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Vern Myrick. All Commissioners and Secretary/Chief Rocky Eastman were present via Zoom. Guests included Debbie Mobley, Brian Jones, Megan Waite, Johnny Knowles, Bill Box, Eric Wood and Sebastian Scheiff.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was not completed due to the meeting being online.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 8, 2020 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Hector. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

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

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

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Brandon Cadwell will be closing his L&I claim to retirement or disability. We have a paramedic interviewing to fill his position. Chief Eastman asked for the Commissioners approval to move forward in the hiring process provided all tests and background checks are passed. The Board approved Chiefs Eastman request.

Chief Eastman reported Debbie's Retirement celebration Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> from 2p-4p is still on schedule for a drop in type reception. Chief Eastman thanked Debbie for all she has done she has been very appreciated over the past 13 years.

Dean Atkinson's military leave may be extended. Summer hire Kyle Crosswhite is able and willing to stay on and fill that position until Dean is able to return. Most of the repairs have been handled by staff. Chief Eastman reports we have only had minor repairs.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Chief Eastman and Firefighter Casey Sewell have gone through all the bids and recommend Cascade Fire Bid for \$150,500 Armor AP. Low bid was LN Curtis (Globe) Agility style for \$150,360. Cascade Fire's Armor AP offers a 3d foam padding providing better air flow under the SCBA tank. This safety feature will decrease the severity of burns and improve comfort for personnel. Commissioner Myrick made a motioned and Commissioner Hector seconded motion to accept the bid from Cascade Fire and Equipment for \$150,500. It was unanimously approved.

ESCSI representative Boyd gave a presentation at the city council meeting held July 20<sup>th</sup> via zoom. Commissioners reported the meeting was not what they expected. They expected to be able to have discussions with presenter. Chief Eastman asked if the Commissioners wanted another meeting set up for them to ask any questions, the commissioners unanimously declined an additional meeting. Commissioner Myrick would like to have a meeting with the other D4 commissioners, union rep and volunteer representatives to discuss the ESCSI study results.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **AUDIENCE INPUT**

None

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM.

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on August 12, 2020 at 4:00 P.M. at station #41.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_, Chairman