

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on July 27, 2022 at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Farrens. Commissioners Farrens, Hector and Myrick 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 AGENDA**

The meeting agenda was presented, Commissioner Hector added misc. questions to new business. Commissioner Myrick motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 13, 2022 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Myrick. Commissioner Hector 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**

Chief Eastman gave an update on staffing. Alex Bruner and Ariel Morfin are fully certified Walla Walla County Paramedics! Ariel will move to A-shift, Kyle Crosswhite will move back to day shift, Brian Goudin and Timothy Bowen will work flex shifts.

Final invoice was received from the City of Walla Walla for the training tower. The overall project came in under budget at \$947,429.93. Each entities total is \$315, 809.98. City of Walla Walla and College Place will start reimbursing District #4 in 2023.

Chief for a day, Julien Cook, had pictures done with Chief Golden last week, will be introduced at the sweets game on Sunday and will be help represent district 4 at National Night Out on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Chief Eastman presented a draft Interlocal agreement with Walla Walla County for Walla Walla County Fuels reduction FEMA Grant project. Chief Eastman would like to review some of the verbiage with Firefighter Phil Tonn and Deputy Chief John Golden regarding home owner contact guidelines. A final agreement should be completed for consideration at the next regular meeting.

Chief Eastman reported district #4 members participated in a Special Olympics Fund raiser July 23<sup>rd</sup>, over \$12,000 was raised!

Deputy Chief Golden reported GESA Credit Union offers local heroes grants. Deputy Chief Golden applied for one of the \$5,000 grants for the purchase of back-up cameras for engines, tenders and ambulance and thermal imaging cameras. Firefighters Parker Pontarolo and Bailey Lesko compiled a short video demonstrating the blind spots on some of the vehicles to submit with the application. The recipients should be notified around September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Eastman reports the Deputy Chief pick-up has been built, delivery is expected mid to end of August.

Firefighter Parker Pontarolo has researched, purchased and set-up a new camera and laptop for photos at the fair.

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Commissioner Hector requested a list of new members with photos and member activity.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Eastman received a request from Walla Walla Community Hospice regarding a patient transport fee. When Walla Walla Community Hospice starts care for a patient, they assume responsibility of some of the patients bills. Walla Walla Community Hospice is asking to be billed at the Medicare rate. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Myrick motioned to allow Chief Eastman to decide the rate on a case-by-case basis. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hector asked for Chief Eastman to clarify some topics from the WFCA minutes and ESCAB minutes. Additional discussion occurred regarding providing information and answers to questions from the Board.

Commissioner Farrens asked if the regular meeting currently schedule on August 10<sup>th</sup> could be moved to August 11<sup>th</sup>, no objections.

**AUDIENCE INPUT**

None.

At 4:50 p.m. Commissioner Farrens called for an executive session as allowed by RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate the performance of a public employee. The executive session will for 20 minutes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

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