

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on August 24, 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, no changes to agenda. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 11, 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 July was approved as presented.

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

Commissioner Myrick asked whether the Debt Service account was still needed or should be close the account. Secretary Eastman will contact the county to verify whether this account could be closed.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Minor damage was done to station 41 fence while falling a tree for training, in-house repairs will be done.

Chief Eastman reported the bid advertisement for Type 4 chassis is scheduled to print in Thursday's paper. The advertisement will meet the 13 days minimum posting requirement.

Chief Eastman reported upcoming events this fall include the fair next week, pump testing starting the end of the month, the SAM program starts September 12th and the Open House is scheduled October 8th.

Chief Eastman presented a Fire Protection contract with Washington State Department of Transportation, located at 1210 G Street. Commissioner Myrick motioned to approve the Fire protection agreement. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chief Eastman presented forms to amend our VEBA Plan as approved at the last commissioner meeting.

Commissioner Hector reported at the labor management meeting the staff indicated they are interested in continuing ARFF service. Chief Eastman approved to negotiate a new contract with the Port of Walla Walla for ARFF services.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Meeting, August 24, 2022

Commissioner Hector inquired about administrative staff cost of living increase for 2023 and would like Chief Eastman to provide comparable wages from other similar departments.

Commissioner Farrens asked to move September's meeting to the 13th. No objections.

Bid opening for 2 type 4 chassis is scheduled for September 7th at 4pm.

Commissioner Hector reported on the Tri-County Fire Commissioner meeting he recently attended. November 12th meeting will be held here at Station 41 starting at 9:00 am and we will need to present a program for the meeting.

AUDIENCE INPUT

Administrative Assistant Megan Waite confirmed all commissioners are planning to attend the WFCA conference in Spokane October 26-28, last day to cancel is 9-30-22.

At 4:30 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 25 minutes.

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 Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

Approved by: _____, Chairman