

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on August 25, 2021 at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Hector. All Commissioners and Secretary/Chief Rocky Eastman were present. Guests included Deputy Chief John Golden, Candice Tonn, Megan Waite in person and Brian Jones via Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Hector.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 11, 2021 motioned for approval by Commissioner Farrens 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.

Budget workshop scheduled at station 41 for September 8th at 2:00 pm.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Eastman reports normal fair preparations are underway. We will be staffing the fair Tuesday through closing Sunday. Due to COVID personnel will be required to wear masks, we will not be taking pictures this year and will minimize public access to vehicles. Walla Walla Community College notified us today that they will not be participating in the fair, therefore the nursing students will not be covering the first aid booth. District #4 members will be cover.

Chief Eastman stated the Deputy Chief vehicle was ordered last week within budget with an expected delivery time of 32 weeks.

Apparatus specifications for two tenders and one engine will go out to bid on Friday with a closing date of September 22nd. Rescue specifications will be out to bid in approximately 2 weeks.

Chief Eastman report's recent structure fire calls are showing great collaboration between District 4, City of Walla Walla Fire and College Place Fire. Lt. Box and the other training officers are all to be commended on an outstanding job.

Chief Eastman advised Jon Spracklen accepted the firefighter position and will start his first day September 1.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Unsecured Scene Standard Operating Guide has been updated and distributed to District #4 members.

Chief Eastman has consulted with Brian Snure, for clarification on Governor Inslee's vaccine mandate, possible exemptions and the agency's ability to provide accommodations for exemptions without undue hardship. Local area Chief's will be meeting to discuss plans and share ideas to move forward. Chief Eastman has a meeting in place for District 4 member with questions on Monday, August 30.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

AUDIENCE INPUT

Brian Jones stated he is in favor of vaccines, however, we need to be aware of individual needs and wants and we should offer accommodations if possible.

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At 4:23 PM Commissioner Hector called for an executive session as allowed by RCW 42.30.140 relating to collective bargaining issues and negotiations. The executive session will be for 30 minutes with possible action being taken following the executive session.

At 4:53 PM the regular meeting reconvened.

The Secretary presented Policy 500-021 – COVID Vaccination Requirement policy for consideration and review. Following a brief discussion regarding the protection of employees, co-workers, and patients by having mandatory vaccinations, Commissioner Farrens motioned to approve Policy 500-021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Myrick and unanimously approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on September 8, 2021 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

Approved by: _____, Chairman