

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on November 23, 2022 at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 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 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 Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 9, 2022 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Hector. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Financial Report and Secretary's Budget Report for October were presented & reviewed. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve the Treasurer's Financial Report and Secretary's Budget Report. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Eastman and Brandon McKinney will be traveling to South Dakota Monday to inspect tenders and possibly complete most of the engine inspection.

Chief Eastman and Deputy Chief Golden will complete an inspection of the new ambulance on December 12th. Commissioner Hector inquired about our surplus list, Chief Eastman reported in 2023 the dozer trailer, W3433, W3435, R3441, and E3416 will be sold and in 2024 E3451 and E3456.

Chief Eastman reported the dozer has been loaded on the new trailer and is in-service, the staff are adjusting some of the brackets.

Deputy Chief Golden stated Firefighter Casey Sewell was able to fix the lights on UT344.

Chief Eastman reminded everyone of the Department Family Christmas Party and light parade is scheduled for December 3rd at 3pm.

Chief Eastman stated the 2023 Recruit academy starts January 3, 2023 with approximately 20 - 24 students. District 4 is approximately half the class.

A representative for PTSD911 reached out to Chief Eastman about hosting a PTSD Awareness video showing in Walla Walla as part of the 'Bike & Film Tour'. The bike tour will be in Walla Walla on May 19th, 2023. Chief Eastman is working on a venue. PTSD911.com for more information.

Chief Eastman reported Airport Manager, Jennifer Skogland, inquired about a 1 Flight per day rate for ARFF services in 2023. The Port of Walla Walla is projecting most of 2023 will offer 1 Flight per Day. Chief Eastman recommended a 28% reduction from the 2 Flight per day rate.

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After a brief discussion Commissioner Hector Motioned to approve a 28% reduction of the 2 Flight per Day rate. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The 2023 cost of living wage increase for non-represented members was discussed. The Board set the increase at 4% for Chief Eastman and Deputy Chief Golden (excluding 5% contractual step increase) and set 10% for Administrative Assistant Megan Waite. Chief Eastman thanked the board. The 2023 wages sheet for all positions will be presented at the next Commissioner Meeting for formal approval.

Commissioner Myrick inquired about volunteer deputy chief. Chief Eastman reported that the chief officers are working on this but do not have any specific information to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

None

AUDIENCE INPUT

None

At 4:18 PM 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 10 minutes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 14th, 2022 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

Approved by: _____, Chairman