

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on February 22, 2023 at Station 41.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The meeting agenda was presented, Commissioner Hector added Northwest leadership conference and Tri-County Commissioner meeting update to new business. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve the agenda after additions. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 8, 2023 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 February were presented & reviewed.

The Legislative Day in Olympia February 17th, Chief Eastman reported HB1336 (volunteer firefighter pensions), HB1670 (Property tax limit factor), SSB5520 (Fire Service policy Board) and SSB5236 (hospital staffing standards) were the main topics of discussion.

SE WFCA Meeting March 17th, in Dayton.

Reminder the Snure seminar is also March 17th. Commissioner Hector inquired about a link for the Snure seminar.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Eastman gave apparatus update. The career staff is working to complete the new Type 1 engine. The goal is to have Type-1 engine in-service by the end of next week (3rd)

Chief Eastman reminded the Commissioners of the Awards banquet Saturday, March 4th.

Chief Eastman reported we had 9 applicants successfully complete the Firefighter/EMT testing yesterday. Results will be shared with the applicants on Friday, March 3rd.

Baker Boyer Bank will be installing a new lock and issuing D4 a new safe deposit key.

Employee luncheon provided by the Auxiliary will be on Thursday, February 23, Commissioners are invited.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

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NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Hector asked about potential webinars from the Commissioner website. Chief Eastman reported that they are excellent webinars and those that wish to attend should register or contact Megan.

Commissioner Hector and Chief Eastman spoke about the relationship between the DNR and the State’s Fire Service.

Commissioner Hector gave an update on Tri-County Commissioner Meeting recently held that he and Commissioner Myrick attended.

AUDIENCE INPUT

FF Brian Jones shared some information regarding the sale of a water truck that was for sale at an upcoming auction. Commissioners will be selling some of D4’s equipment later this spring.

At 5:00 PM Commissioner Myrick 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 40 minutes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

Approved by: _____, Chairman