

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on March 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 Adam Woiblet, 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, no changes to agenda. 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 March 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.

Chief Eastman gave WFCOA legislative update that HB1336 volunteer firefighter pension is going through the senate now.

Commissioner's Annual Financial Affairs report due April 17th.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Eastman shared the Recruit Academy Graduation is March 28th, 6:00p.m. at Station 41. Nine of the 14 graduates are District #4 members.

USVA donated 94 cases of MRE's. We will distribute them to other fire districts in the Walla Walla County.

Chief Golden has completed the first draft of the Medicare Ground ambulance survey. Chief Eastman will be reviewing and hopefully completing the survey in the next couple weeks.

Chairs were delivered for classroom! Tables are scheduled to be delivered Friday.

Spring interviews for new volunteers are this week. We have 8 candidates. Will start backgrounds checks and start red-card training in mid-April.

Deputy Chief Golden on vacation March until the 27th and Rocky on vacation April 3rd to 11th.

Annual FAA inspection coming up at the airport.

The department is considering leather helmet shields for members, looking at color coding to indicate qualifications. More to follow.

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Deputy Chief Woiblet provided feedback from our members regarding communication. Trying to come up with ways to provide better communication to our members to encourage family-culture.

Chief Eastman reported we will be upgrading door locks on the EMS storage and Fire storage rooms for a trial period. With the potential to upgrade all locks in the future.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Hector inquired if any feedback was received regarding minimum bids on Surplus Equipment. Chief Eastman reported none.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Eastman presented a Life Flight ground transport lease agreement from another agency as a starting point for us while drafting an agreement between Fire District 4 and Life Flight.

An ambulance transport financial assistance application was presented for consideration. The patient was transported in early 2021 with an outstanding balance of \$300.00. They submitted the proper documentation. Based on their income they qualify for a 75% reduction. Commissioner Hector motioned to provide a 75% reduction (\$225.00). Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried.

Chief Eastman presented two proposed City of Walla Walla annexations that are under review.

New Oregon Fire Protection Contract for Jan Craig at 53659 W. Ferndale Road, Milton-Freewater, OR 97862. Commissioner Hector made a motion to accept new Fire Protection agreement. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

AUDIENCE INPUT

None

At 4:50 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 10 minutes.

At 5:20 PM the regular meeting reconvened. 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 Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

Approved by: _____, Chairman