

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on March 8, 2023 at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 p.m. by Commissioner Myrick. Commissioners Hector and Farrens and Secretary/Chief Rocky Eastman were present at station 41. Guests included Deputy Chief Golden, Deputy Chief Woiblet, Brian Jones and Megan Waite in person at station 41.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Myrick.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The meeting agenda was presented. Commissioner Myrick removed executive session. 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 February 22nd were motioned for approval by Commissioner Hector. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The February Commissioners Activity Reports were reviewed and approved by each Commissioner.

SE WFCA meeting is in Dayton, March 17th at 6:30 pm – all three commissioners are planning to attend.

Upcoming WFCA Webinars schedule was presented, no interest at this time.

Reminder Snure webinar March 17th at 10:00 am, link to webinar should be sent one week prior to webinar.

CHIEF'S REPORT

The Fire and EMS response and transport reports for the month of February was provided. Seventy total responses for the month and fifty-eight EMS responses with thirty-six transports for the month.

Eligibility list testing was completed February 21st. We had nine candidates six were District 4 members.

Chief Eastman reported Timothy Bowen received his Washington state Paramedic license yesterday.

Chief Eastman welcomed Adam Woiblet and congratulated him on his promotion to Deputy Chief.

Staff is considering installing electronic locks on stations. Each member would have their own pin code. New locks will allow us to track access and enhance security. Not sure at this time whether a gradual or complete change out will occur.

EVIP Train the Trainer certification was well attended with all career staff and all volunteer officers receiving certification.

Chief Eastman reported two of our members have recently received minor ankle injuries, both were evaluated and have returned to full duty, and one member had their regulator come off during search and rescue drill no injury reported at that time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Deputy Chief Golden reported the tables and chairs have been ordered. He was able to save around \$6,000 by purchasing tables very comparable in quality to the previously presented table option. Total for tables 10k and chairs 9k vs 26k previously presented. Deputy Chief Golden commended Captain Box for doing a lot of research to upgrade the audio system in the classroom, an estimate should be available soon.

Deputy Chief Golden reported the propane service at Station 45 has been switched to Ed Staub & Sons. They have replaced one of the tanks and will replace the second after propane level is reduced.

NEW BUSINESS

Payroll and expense vouchers numbered 230301001 through 230301062 were presented for payment. Chief Eastman reviewed some of the big-ticket items. Commissioner Farrens motioned to approve the expense vouchers. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried. The total for these were \$255,745.72.

Resolution 2023-01; A resolution to authorize the surplus of apparatus and equipment. Discussed surplus process. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve the surplus list; apparatus will be sold by sealed bid with bid minimums set as follows:

Tenders	\$30,000 each
Rescue	\$35,000
Trailer	\$3,000

Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried. Bid opening will be April 12th during the regular meeting of the Board at 4:00pm.

Chief Eastman asked for consideration of rehiring Lt. Jim Nagle. Commissioners approved during Board for Volunteer Firefighters meeting.

Strategic Planning committee needs non-affiliated community members. The committee will start meeting the end of April. Chief Eastman asked the commissioners for suggestions.

Commissioner Hector inquired about a uniform policy with pin placement specifications. Chief Eastman and Deputy Chief Golden will review our policy.

Chief Eastman presented the 2022 Annual Report. There were no questions at this time.

AUDIENCE INPUT

None.

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 March 22nd, 2023 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Rocky Eastman, Secretary

Approved by: _____, Chairman