

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on May 10, 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, 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 Farrens motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 26, 2023 and the planning workshop meeting of May 9, 2023 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Farrens. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried.

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

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

Tri-County Fire Commissioner Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at WBFA.

The Treasurer's Financial Report and Secretary's Budget Report for April were presented & reviewed.

#### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

The Fire and EMS response and transport reports for the month of April was provided. Sixty-five total responses for the month and forty-one EMS responses with twenty-one transports for the month.

Chief Eastman reported interviews have been completed for seven candidates for the four summer hire positions. More to follow.

Captain Box is organizing the ARFF table top exercise May 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

One of the type 4 chassis has been delivered to Pasco, waiting on the other. Original plan was to deliver the chassis to Vancouver for beds and tanks in mid-May.

Chief Eastman met with DNR representatives to discuss defensible space projects. They are very impressed with the work our department has completed with the Department of Corrections work crews under the current grant, if funding allows, DNR would like to find an opportunity to fund the DOC work crews as our FEMA current grant.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

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Payroll and expense vouchers numbered 230501001 through 230501058 were presented for payment. Chief Eastman reviewed some of the big-ticket items. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve the expense vouchers. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried. The total for these were \$490,256.84.

Chief Eastman presented a Strategic Planning or path planning ideas for the Fire District #4 email from Pat McConnell. After a brief discussion the Commissioners decide to compose a committee to get feedback from our members and community member to set goals for the department. The committee will consist of Commissioner Hector, Chief Eastman, Deputy Chief Golden, Deputy Chief Woiblet, Volunteer member Nick Loudermilk, and 2 union representatives. George Hessler and Pat McConnell have offered to provide community input.

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Farrens, Chief Eastman, Deputy Chief Golden and Deputy Chief Woiblet are all unavailable. At this time Commissioner Myrick decided to cancel May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, will schedule if needed.

**AUDIENCE INPUT**

At 4:45 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 approximately 5 minutes.

At 4:50 PM the regular meeting reconvened. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_, Chairman