

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on June 14, 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 Hector motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 10, 2023 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Hector. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

SE Fire Commissioner Meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 16th in Dayton at 6:30p.

CHIEF'S REPORT

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

Chief Eastman reported summer hires Chris Hansen, Ethan Zehner, Brayden Mohny and Sam Monds started June 5th with a one-week orientation. Captain Box did a great job with orientation.

Chief Eastman noted we have had a good turn out from our volunteer personnel on scenes. Tactical tenders worked very well on the haystack fire to prevent spread. We had had a couple shop fires one of which Josh Williams was duty officer and did a great job!

Annual ARFF Live-Fire training for our career staff in Pasco this week.

The auxiliary hosted Walla Walla Sweets Game is scheduled for July 21st. Our space is limited to 100 guests.

Staff Members Casey Sewell and Kyle Crosswhite completed the Lieutenants testing.

Chief Eastman advised he will be on vacation June 24th – July 9th.

Contracts with Life Flight and Airlift NW for transferring flight crews from the airport are still in negotiations, with implementation of new contracts by September 1st.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Strategic planning committee is scheduled to meet on June 19th at 3:00 pm at station 41. The committee is composed of Nick Loudermilk, Adam Woiblet, Casey Sewell, Phil Tonn, Larry Hector, John Golden, and Rocky Eastman.

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NEW BUSINESS

Payroll and expense vouchers numbered 230601001 through 2306054 were presented for payment. Chief Eastman reviewed some of the big-ticket items. Commissioner Farrens motioned to approve the expense vouchers. Commissioner Second seconded the motion and was carried. The total for these were \$229,053.36.

Deputy Chief Golden presented options to upgrade the phone system at station 41 to a VOIP system. By upgrading the system, we would see significant saving monthly. After a brief discussion Commissioner thought it was great to move forward with either option.

Chief Eastman, Chief Golden and Megan met with social media consultant, Sara McGill to discuss getting the district on some social media platforms. She suggested starting with profiles on Facebook, Instagram and twitter.

Commissioner Hector inquired about some discussion from the Officer's meeting.

Larry Meliah's birthday party is scheduled for Saturday, June 24th at Pioneer Park Garden Center from 11a-1p.

Chief Eastman suggested reserving as a consultant for an upcoming lid lift. Commissioners agreed a consultant should be reserved soon for a potential 2025 ballot measure.

AUDIENCE INPUT

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 28th, 2023 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

Approved by: _____, Chairman