

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on July 12, 2023 at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 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, 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 June 28, 2023 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Hector. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

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

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

The Fire and EMS response and transport reports for the month of June was provided. Eighty-two total responses for the month and forty-three EMS responses with twenty-nine transports for the month.

Chief Eastman has draft agreements with Life Flight and Airlift NW for airport transfers. The contract with Airlift NW requires the District to bill patients for transport, where Life Flight will bill patient and pay the District the contracted amount. We will start airport September 1.

Staffing update Zach Hubbard's last day was the July 4<sup>th</sup>, leaving one full-time position available. Chief's interviews were completed Monday, all three candidates are firefighter/EMT's two of which are enrolled in the Boston paramedic program. Chiefs are currently checking references. A conditional offer should be made by the end of the week, with a hire date the first part of August.

Special Olympics fundraiser July 15<sup>th</sup> at Hot Mama's July 15<sup>th</sup> from 2p-3p.

The member appreciation Walla Walla Sweets game is scheduled for July 21<sup>st</sup>.

The new Type 4 engines arrived with the incorrectly specified tires, due to some miscommunication. New tires were installed to meet specifications locally. Chief is working with Jim's Pacific to recover some of the cost of the new tires.

A delay for the type 4 beds as ProTech hasn't started them. Mallory reported ProTech is not honoring their original quote for an unknown reason. The district accepted the bid proposal from Mallory, Commissioner Hector felt it was important to hold ProTech to their commitment. More to follow.

Deputy Chief Golden discussed some recent calls.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Commissioner Hector stated the Strategic planning committee has a lot of great ideas coming out and people are very forth coming with information. A survey will be sent to the department for opinions.

Deputy Chief Golden gave an update on the social media platforms. Sarah Magill attended the staff meeting today and was introduced to the career staff. Sarah is starting to gather content.

Briefly discussed a levy lid lift and the use of a consultant. Liz Loomis is currently contacted with Walla Walla 5 and Franklin 3 to assist with public education. The board would like Chief Eastman to contact Ms. Loomis to discuss her availability in the 2024.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Payroll and expense vouchers numbered 230701001 through 230701050 were presented for payment. Chief Eastman reviewed some of the big-ticket items and noticed one voucher missing. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve the expense vouchers after correction. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried. The total, after correction, for these were \$225,664.82.

**AUDIENCE INPUT**

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

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