

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on July 26, 2023 at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Hector. Commissioners Farrens and Secretary/Chief Rocky Eastman were present at Station 41. Guests included Deputy Chief John Golden, Deputy Chief Adam Woiblet, Captain Bill Box, Brian Jones and Megan Waite in person and Liz Loomis via Zoom.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Hector.

### **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.

### **PRESENTATION**

Liz Loomis consulting gave a presentation via zoom regarding her company. She specializes in assisting agencies with levy ballots.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 12th, 2023 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Farrens. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Financial Report and Secretary's Budget Report for June were presented & reviewed. An error of \$97.81 from the Auditor's office was noted, to be corrected in July.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Eastman reported a conditional offer was presented to and accepted by Joseph Zitterkopf. Joe will start August 21<sup>st</sup>. He is starting the Boston Paramedic program in September.

Chief officers would like to move forward promoting a captain's position for station 42, interviews will be conducted.

Engine 3457 was called out on State mobilization on July 19<sup>th</sup> to the Badger Fire, was re-assigned the Newell Road Fire and now on the Wawawai Fire in Whitman county. We have been able to staff the engine with three firefighters for each mobilization. Also, Captain Box has been out a couple times this year with the IC Type 2 team.

The contract for the Type 4 bed/boxes is moving forward. Protech will start building the boxes around August 1<sup>st</sup>. Chief Eastman was able to come to an agreement with Jim's pacific garages to be reimbursed for the tire upgrade.

Deputy Chief Golden is planning to submit an application for the GESA Local Heros grant for an auto-pulse for the Rescue.

Captain Bill Box gave a demonstration of the new classroom audio visual system.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A brief update on the Strategic Planning Committee was given by Commissioner Hector. A Survey was sent out via survey monkey to department members.

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Airport Transports agreements from Life Flight and Air Lift NW were presented and differences were discussed. Commissioner Farrens motioned to approve agreements. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried.

City of Walla Walla has an annexation on the agenda tonight.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Liz Loomis presentation discussion, Liz encouraged the department to move forward with or without her and get on the August 2024 ballot. More discussion to follow.

**AUDIENCE INPUT**

None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

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