

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on August 9, 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 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 July 26, 2023 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Hector. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

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

Tri County Commissioners meeting is Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at Benton County Fire District #1 training facility.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

The Fire and EMS response and transport reports for the month of July was provided. One hundred Thirty-six total responses for the month and fifty-nine EMS responses with thirty-two transports for the month.

Summer hires were out almost 10 days and assisted with four different fires.

Recently A-shift responded to a mutual aid EMSC call. The sister-in-law of the patient, who is a nurse, was on scene and was very impressed with our members. She noted they arrived quickly, worked flawlessly together, and did an overall great job.

Joe Zitterkopf starts 21<sup>st</sup> he will spend his first week in Helena, MT completing the 40-hour ARFF School. Joe, Paige Senter and resident Gabe Aguillen start paramedic school the following week.

Chief Eastman and Deputy Chief Golden completed an interview for the station 42 Captain position. The position will be offered to Josh Williams, effective September 1.

Chief Eastman reported it has been over 5 years since we received insurance quotes for liability and collision. Quotes have been requested and options should be presented in September.

VFIS, our current insurance company paid \$1,990.84 for the chainsaws and after reviewing our claim only charge one deductible instead of the originally quoted three deductibles.

Washington state healthcare authority has contracted with a third-party company to audit all GEMT fund recipients.

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Local 4514 members are proposing revising the resident program, offering a structured training program and higher expectations. More to follow.

The Type 4 Chassis' will be taken to Longview on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Commissioner Hector handed out the results of the survey the Strategic planning committee sent out. The committee has set 6 main goals based off those results. Next the committee will work on a plan to implement those goals.

Liz Loomis Public Affairs previously presented a strategic plan for a lid-lift on the 2024 ballot, with an 8–12-month implementation period. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hector motioned to move forward with a contract with Liz Loomis effective September 1. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

Social media consultant Sarah Magill interviewed some members and recorded video footage. She is putting the content together and planning a strong and aggressive launch to get WWCFD#4 in the public eye.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Payroll and expense vouchers numbered 230801001 through 230801047 were presented for payment. Chief Eastman reviewed some of the big-ticket items. Commissioner Farrens motioned to approve the expense vouchers. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried. The total for these were \$210,412.73.

**AUDIENCE INPUT**

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

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