

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on August 23, 2023 at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Myrick. Commissioners Hector and Farrens 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 August 9, 2023 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Hector. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

WFCIA insurance premium rates for 2024 will increase by 6%.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Members have helped with local fires recently starting with the Trinity Fire for an overnight shift on the 14th, 6-7 hours on the Toothaker fire then to a couple local mutual aids on Harvey Shaw. Engine 3457 was called out on State mobilization on August 18th to the Winona Fire in Whitman County then were re-assigned to the Oregon Road Fire in Spokane County on August 20th.

Busy fall schedule with the Fair starting on Tuesday with Rodeo Slack, pump testing is scheduled to start after Labor Day and Sept. 11 the SAM program kicks off.

On Monday our Facebook and Instagram accounts went live and had a good start attracting followers.

The additional Alaska Airlines flight begins September 6th.

Life Flight and Airlift NW transports starts September 1st.

WA DNR Aircraft resources provided information on requesting air resources per HB 1498.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Liz Loomis submitted a letter requesting to be added to our vendor list. Chief Eastman presented the Liz Loomis Public Affairs Communications Consulting Agreement for \$5,550 per month for 12 months starting September 1. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve the contract and allow Chief Eastman to sign the contract. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

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NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Hector updated the board on the recent labor/management meeting with Local 4514. Discussion centered on the update Resident Program and about proposed changes from the union regarding 3-person shifts. Chief Eastman received a revised resident program proposal to review.

Commissioner Hector gave an update from South Eastern Washington Commissioner Association meeting.

AUDIENCE INPUT

Megan presented the 2023 WFCA agenda for October 25-28, including the Snure Law update. Confirmed hotel reservations were made and all are planning to attend.

At 4:55 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 be 5 minutes.

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, September 13th, 2023 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

Approved by: _____, Chairman