

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on September 13, 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 Farrens motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 23, 2023 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Farrens. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

SE WFCM meeting is Friday, September 15th in Dayton.

CHIEF'S REPORT

The Fire and EMS response and transport reports for the month of July was provided. One hundred fifteen total responses for the month and sixty-five EMS responses with thirty-one transports for the month.

Engine 3416 radiator failed during pump testing, radiator is being replaced.

September has been and continues to be a busy month, with new firefighter orientation for Joe Zitterkopf, SAM program and pump testing.

New locks have been installed at all stations; members have individual codes.

The Type 4 Chassis' after Protech completes bed installation chassis will go to Mallory for tanks. Currently we are expecting them to be delivered in October.

Kyle Crosswhite is at the WFC Fire Mechanics Conference in Wenatchee this week.

The bi-annual District Newsletter is scheduled to be mailed in October.

New phone system is being installed.

Our social media launch has started out great, Sarah Magill reports we have great growth and are getting good feedback.

Volunteer interviews are being schedule for the end of September; we have 19 applicants!

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Yakima Fire Department invited Chief Golden to participate in ARFF table top MCI drill as an evaluator today.

WFC have been discussing the upcoming changes to the GEMT payments and the new balance billing act and what impacts they will have on departments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Hector reported the Strategic planning committee had a productive meeting of goal setting yesterday. The committee will be meeting twice a month.

Communications Planning with Liz Loomis Public Affairs is scheduled for September 14th at 10:00 am. Liz requested several people be in attendance including representatives from the Board of Commissioners (Larry Hector), Chiefs (Rocky Eastman, John Golden, and Adam Woiblet), Administrative Assistant (Megan Waite), a union representative (Todd Reiswig), a volunteer representative (Ben Wolfram), and a local member of our community (TBD). Liz extended an invitation for a meet & greet dinner Wednesday, September 27th in Kennewick.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Eastman present three insurance refund requests from Systems Design. \$109.20 to MODA Health, \$311.42 to MODA Health, and \$265.50 to Humana Gold Plus. They were each approved by unanimous vote of the commissioners.

Payroll and expense vouchers numbered 230901001 through 230901062 were presented for payment. Chief Eastman reviewed some of the big-ticket items. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve the expense vouchers. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried. The total for these were \$206,295.12.

2024 Budget workshop end of September/beginning of October. Chief asked Commissioners to consider increase for non-represented staff. Replacing Engine 3413 could be a consideration.

Pinning will be scheduled for new firefighter Joe Zitterkopf and newly promoted to Captain Josh Williams.

Next meeting conflicts with Liz Loomis Meet & Greet Dinner. Discussion to change time to allow those wishing to attend travel time. Meeting time changed to 2:30 on September 27th, 2023.

AUDIENCE INPUT

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 2:30 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

Approved by: _____, Chairman