

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on November 22, 2023 at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:09 p.m. by Chairman Myrick. Commissioners Hector and Farrens and Secretary/Chief Rocky Eastman were present at Station 41. Guests included Deputy Chief Adam Woiblet.

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 public hearing for the 2024 Budgets and the regular meeting of November 8, 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 October were presented & reviewed.

CHIEF'S REPORT

E3414 is on its way to General Fire in Spokane today for replacement of the both the left and right 6-inch butterfly valves that stick when opening. This work will be completed under warranty.

The fall newsletter is completed and will be sent to Fire District #4 citizens next week. A copy was presented to the board.

The Department Christmas Party and Light parade is scheduled for December 2nd @ 3pm. Would like to have Elves in the Christmas parade, and make Santa's Workshop the theme.

Testing for a Captains eligibility list is December 5th and 6th. Closing for applications ended yesterday. We have 4 members who submitted applications.

The City of College Place recently annexed Martin Airfield and the surrounding property owned by the Cheney family.

Truck annuals are underway and moving along as scheduled. The goal is to have all annuals completed by the end of December.

The Type 4 engines have the beds and tanks installed by Mallory and are waiting for Protech to complete the top side baskets. Mallory has sent the baskets back to Protech three times now as they have not been per specifications.

Chris Lee has been named the new Walla Walla County Emergency Management Director effective in January. Director Liz Jessee is retiring at the end of December.

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We received notice that the AWB Holiday Kid's Tree Grant this year is in the amount of \$1,200. The check and the toys will be delivered to us next week. Deliveries to the families will take place later in December.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Hector and Deputy Chief Woiblet updated the board on the recent strategic planning meeting. The bulk of the information for the document is listed and now the committee will work to finalize the document.

Held brief discussion on the potential levy lid lift and the updated results from other fire levy lid lifts in the state.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Hector gave an update from Tri-County Fire Commissioner Association meeting. One legislative topic discussed was to propose an exemption for fire districts of the carbon and fuel taxes.

AUDIENCE INPUT

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

Approved by: _____, Chairman