

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on January 10, 2024 at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Commissioner Hector. Commissioner Farrens and Myrick and Secretary/Chief Rocky Eastman were present at station 41. Guests included Deputy Chief Golden, Deputy Chief Adam Woiblet, Brian Jones and Megan Waite in person at station 41.

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 Myrick seconded the motion and was carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 27, 2023 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Farrens. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

The required advertisement for the 2024 Small Works Roster and Vender Lists will be advertised as required by law. A brief discussion regarding advertising options. Commissioner Farrens motioned to approve Waitsburg Times or Walla Walla Union Bulletin. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Walla Walla Fire Department Engineer Ryan Pleasants died in Line of Duty Death on Sunday, January 7th station 11-1. This is a very difficult time for WWFD staff and others that knew Ryan personally. The SE IMT is stood up and having daily meetings, to assist WWFD with planning the funeral and memorial. Regional agencies have been assisting with city coverage at various times.

The Fire and EMS response and transport reports for the month of December was provided. Seventy-seven total responses for the month and fifty-five EMS responses with thirty-nine transports for the month.

The district responded to 1067 incidents for 2023. Chief Eastman handed out an ESO report listing the incident type and number of calls for each category. Of these 1067 calls, 67% were EMS Related. For comparative purposed, the district responded to 841 incidents in 2020, 1034 in 2021, and 1104 in 2022.

Chief's interviews were completed with four Training Captain candidates. Each interview lasted for 45-60 minutes. Candidates are Phil Tonn, Brandon McKinney, Todd Reiswig, and Kevin Magnaghi. The chiefs are completing their due diligence in determining a new training officer.

Labor management and officer meeting schedule for 2024 were distributed.

WFCA Legislative day is January 23rd in Olympia. Commissioner Farrens, Chiefs Eastman and Golden will be attending. One of first topics for discussion is the effect of the Tax Increment Financing area has on fire districts.

Staff appreciation luncheon hosted by the Auxiliary is scheduled for February 7th at 11:00am.

Leather station specific helmet shields for our members will be ordered soon. Chief Golden presented designs to Commissioners. They will be presented to members after completing structure academy.

Snure seminar March 2nd – same day as awards banquet.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Distribution of potential levy lid-lift information will be halted while the City of Walla Walla and District #4 members continue to mourn the loss of brother Ryan Pleasants. Clarification on our message to the community to focus more on financial impacts and stability.

NEW BUSINESS

Payroll and expense vouchers numbered 240101001 through 240101051 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 \$245,017.73.

AUDIENCE INPUT

None.

At 4:45 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 for 60 minutes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on January 24th, 2024 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Rocky Eastman, Secretary

Approved by: _____, Chairman