

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on April 24, 2024 at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Chairman Hector. Commissioners Myrick, Commissioner Farrens, Secretary/Chief Rocky Eastman, Deputy Chief John Golden and Deputy Chief Woiblet were present at Station 41. Guests included Megan Waite.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Hector.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The meeting agenda was presented, no changes to the agenda. Commissioner Myrick motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 10, 2024 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Myrick. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

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

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Benton County Fire District #1 had a large commercial structure fire Sunday, we provided assistance by sending an engine, two tenders, and duty officer.

Chief Eastman gave staffing update. Dean Walker accepted the Firefighter/Paramedic position and will start May 1. Casey Sewell was promoted to Lieutenant as of June 1, to replace retiring Lieutenant Slater. Opening a Firefighter/EMT position. Steve Dildine was offered and accepted the Firefighter/EMT position and will start May 1. Commissioner Hector would like an exit interview with Lieutenant Slater.

Firefighter/Paramedic Timothy Bowen is heading up the new resident program and the existing sleeper program. Six candidates were interviewed.

The staff with training assignments have stepped in and are doing a great job.

Wildfire Ready Neighbor Kick-off event was successful.

Walla Walla County Conservation District proposed a interlocal agreement to fund defensible space projects with the DOC work crews, using \$50,000 in funds from a grant they received. Chief Eastman is asking for authorization to negotiate and sign the interlocal agreement. Commissioner Farrens motioned for Chief Eastman to negotiate and sign an interlocal agreement with Walla Walla County Conservation District. Commissioner Myrick second the motion and was carried.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Chief Eastman will start giving public presentations providing information on the Levy lid-lift increase on the ballot in August. Spring Newsletter went out. Chief will be recording another

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video with Sara McGill for social media. Darin Harvey and Marc Yontz are interested in the “For” Committee, both live in our district. Commissioner Farrens motioned to appoint Darin Harvey and Marc Yontz to the “For” Committee. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried. No one has submitted a request to be on the “Against” Committee.

Type 4 production is progressing. The second type 4 has been started, while we are still waiting for the valves for the first type 4.

**NEW BUSINESS**

New Oregon Fire Protection Contract for Warren and Cheri Berg at 60974 Mill Creek Road, Walla Walla, WA 99362. Commissioner Myrick made a motion to accept new Fire Protection agreement. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

**AUDIENCE INPUT**

None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:54 PM.

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8th, 2024 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

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