

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on May 22, 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 (via zoom), Deputy Chief John Golden and Deputy Chief Woiblet were present at Station 41. Guests included Brian Jones and 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 Farrens motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 8, 2024 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Farrens. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

CHIEF'S REPORT

A training house burn on Monday the 20th went well. Crews were able to run some good evolutions.

Levy Presentations are starting. The first couple were smaller groups, however 50% were District #4 residents.

Staffing update, not any changes. Orientation going well for Steve and Dean. We are preparing for June's transition to three on shift. Ryan Chase is interested in being a summer hire. Interviewing one off our list Friday for summer hire.

Annual report to Washington State Auditor was completed.

Five candidates testing for the Lieutenants list May 29th.

Commissioner Myrick inquired if commissioners are allowed to make a donation to the 'Citizen for Walla Walla Fire District #4' Campaign. Chief Eastman will inquire.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Phil Tonn and B-shift have taken lead on building the Type 4's. They are working on them today and tomorrow. Due to short staffing the completion time frame has shifted to end of June for completion.

Mountain-Hi has a remanufactured transmission on order for ARFF342, they will install.

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NEW BUSINESS

New Oregon Fire Protection Contract for Brian & Tara Gourdin at 53685 West Crockett Road, Milton-Freewater, OR 97862 Commissioner Farrens made a motion to accept new Fire Protection agreement. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried.

Commissioner Hector attended the WESOM Executive Committee meeting. The committee is moving forward with 2/10 of 1% sales tax proposal. WESCOM Manager Esther Click will present the proposal at a future County Commissioner meeting to be considered for a ballot measure sometime in 2025.

Leather helmet patches arrived, will be distributed in June. Casey Sewell did a great job with this project.

Open House June 15th. Commissioners are available to do the cooking from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm.

AUDIENCE INPUT

None.

At 4:27 PM Commissioner Hector 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 for 15 minutes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

Approved by: _____, Chairman