

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on June 12, 2024 at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Commissioner Hector. Commissioners Myrick and Farrens and Secretary/Chief Rocky Eastman were present at Station 41. Guests included Deputy Chief Golden, Deputy Chief Adam Woiblet 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 May 22, 2024 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Farrens. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

SE WFCA meeting is Friday, June 21st in Dayton, Commissioners Hector and Myrick are planning to attend.

CHIEF'S REPORT

The Fire and EMS response and transport reports for the month of May was provided. Eighty-five total responses for the month and fifty-three EMS responses with thirty-four transports for the month.

Joe Zitterkopf is in Boston for two weeks of paramedic school skills clinics. When he returns, he will be able to start performing what he has learned.

The annual ARFF live fire training is scheduled for this week. Steve Dildine and Dean Walker will attend the initial 40-hour ARFF training June 24-28 in Helena, MT.

June 1st was our transition to three-staff per shift, transition went well. Summer hires Ryan Chase and Nattilie Jackson will start Monday, working weekdays through mid-September. Due to lack of experience, we may not be able to roster for state mobilization as we have in the past.

Lieutenant testing was completed successfully for five candidates. Thanks to Deputy Chief Golden for organizing everything and all who assisted, process went very smoothly! The new list will be good for 1 year.

ARFF 342 has been repaired and is back in service.

Open House Saturday, June 15th. Commissioners, please arrive around 10:00 am for cooking hot dogs.

The conservation districts defensible space program is funding the Department of Corrections crew to put a 30 - 50-foot barrier around Kooskooskie Commons. The Wildfire Ready Neighbor program has brought in 5 properties to have inspections not as many as they had hoped for.

Annual fire-wise meeting is scheduled Tuesday, June 18th at 6:30 pm at station 45.

Deputy Chief Woiblet will be on vacation from June 13-22, then Deputy Chief Golden will be on vacation June 19-25, and lastly Chief Eastman will be on vacation from June 23 to July 7.

Anthony Cannone will have an engine at Prospect Point Elementary tomorrow for the last day of school celebrations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jason Sanders with Washington State Survey & Rating bureau site inspection and interview was completed in 2 hours. They requested more information and should have results around the end of August.

Commissioner Hector wanted to thank Chief Eastman and Deputy Chief Golden for all their hard work collaborating with consultants on the levy lid lift.

City of Walla Walla Fire department has dissolved their partnership with South Eastern Washington Special Operations group for a hazmat response team, it makes since for Fire District #4 to partner with the City of Walla Walla for a familiar local response. Commissioners agreed.

NEW BUSINESS

Payroll and expense vouchers numbered 240601001 through 240601071 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 \$225,529.18.

Chief Eastman presented the updated policy for Personal Protective Equipment, section 900-014. After brief discussion, Commissioner Hector motioned to approve Resolution 2024-05: Amending Policies & Procedures. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

New resident Aidan Renwick was presented for approval. Commissioner Farrens motioned to approve Aidan Renwick as a resident volunteer. Commissioner Hector second the motion and was carried.

Commissioner Hector inquired about reviewing the entire policy book annually, after a brief discussion Commissioner Hector will review the policies and we will review any suggested changed in August.

AUDIENCE INPUT

None

At 4:44 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 for 30 minutes.

The regular meeting reconvened at 5:24 PM. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner meeting will be held on June 26, 2024 at 4:00 pm.

Submitted by: Rocky Eastman, Secretary

Approved by: _____, Chairman