

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Commissioner Hector. Commissioners Myrick and Farrens and Secretary/Chief Rocky Eastman were present at station 41. Guests included Deputy Chief Golden 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 Myrick motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 26, 2024 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Myrick. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The June Commissioners Activity Reports were reviewed, Commissioner Hector inquired what events are compensable. The following corrections will be made next month: -1 Comm. Hector for June 6 EMS Council Meeting, +1 Comm. Myrick for July Officer Meeting, and +1 to Comm. Farrens for June Officer Meeting. Activity reports were approved by each Commissioner.

WFCA meeting and Snure Seminar are October 23-26, 2024. All are planning to attend; Megan will confirm hotel reservations.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

The Fire and EMS response and transport reports for the month of June was provided. One hundred twenty-three total responses for the month and eight-six EMS responses with forty-nine transports for the month with eight airport transports.

Rachael Voegele accepted the firefighter/paramedic position, starts August 1 with orientation. Coming up we will be working to fill the training officer position and potentially advertising for Deputy Chief to start Jan. 1.

E3413 passenger side rear door was left open while backing in the station. Submitted to insurance waiting for an adjuster, estimate from northwest collision for \$4,6725.92

Hose testing was completed, we had a few older sections fail.

E3451 is currently at Macon Brothers auction, it is currently online and closes Monday, July 15. The current bid is \$11,500. E3456 was put back in service temporarily, until the Type 4's are complete or fire season has ended.

The City of Walla Walla Fire Department inquired if District #4 had interest in contracting tender services to local building contractors that would be contracting with them for fire protection services. More to follow.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Letter from the auditor regarding discontinuing payroll for the special purpose districts. Some discussion regarding options moving forward, Chiefs to investigate options.

Levy lid lift update, 27 days left... Chief Eastman has one more presentation on Monday to the Exchange Club. We will have press releases, interviews and mailers scheduled. A typo was found on the ballots, \$1.26 per \$1,00 instead of \$1,000 was printed. The County Auditor has corrected the typo on the unprinted ballots and will send a correction to voters who already received ballots.

Washington Survey and Rating Bureau is still gathering information, they requested 17 fire flow tests.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Payroll and expense vouchers numbered 240701001 through 240701058 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 out. The total for these was \$216,773.39.

New Oregon Fire Protection Contract for Karla Sielaff at 84896 Straw Springs Road, Milton-Freewater, OR 97862. Commissioner Hector made a motion to accept new fire protection agreement. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

Chief Eastman presented an ambulance refund requests received from Systems Design. The refund is due to overpayment. Commissioner Myrick motioned to approve refund requests. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

A draft Hostile Situation Response SOG was presented for review.

Commissioner Hector would like to have a good foundation for succession planning before Chief Eastman retires.

**AUDIENCE INPUT**

None

At 5:04 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 15 minutes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on July 24, 2024 at 4:00 PM.

Submitted by: Rocky Eastman, Secretary

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