

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Hector. Commissioner Myrick and secretary Rocky Eastman were present at Station 41. Guest 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 Hector motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

CHIEF'S REPORT

E3451 sold at Macon Brothers auction for \$27,000.

Paige Senter will be in Boston for paramedic training August 3rd – 16th. Joe is working on his hospital clinicals at Kadlec Medical Center in Richland.

The Auxiliary is hosting members and families at the Walla Walla Sweets game on Friday, August 2nd at 6:00 p.m..

Firefighter Paramedic Rachael Voegelé starts August 1st, she will start working days for one month orientation then moving to A-shift. She will go to ARFF school at the end of August.

E3457 assigned to Bighorn Fire in Klickitat County. Monday Night Kyle Crosswhite, Ryan Chase and Nattilie Jackson left.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Springbrook gave a presentation of their payroll software. District 4 currently uses Springbrook for accounting. Adding the payroll module will force us into a cloud version vs. a desktop. The annual fees will increase by \$4,500 a year, with additional one time set up fees. Springbrook offers a great support service and user-friendly platform.

Levy Lid lift update - 13 days to go. First public information meeting was held last night at station 41 last night, with zero in attendance. Deputy Chief Golden will be at station 41 at 9:00 a.m. for a second public information meeting. Chief Eastman and Deputy Chief Golden are planning to be at the court house on August 6th at 8:00 p.m. for the results. After the results are finalized, a thank you will be put on social media.

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NEW BUSINESS

New Oregon Fire Protection Contract for Gene and Cassie Spangrude at 53479 E. Ballou Road, Milton-Freewater, OR 97862 was presented. Commissioner Hector made a motion to accept new fire protection agreement. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried.

Melanie Piccin, the State Social Security Coordinator, Employer Support Services and Washington State Department of Retirement Systems representative, contacted Chief Eastman regarding Social Security withholding from LEOFF employees. She advised that the state had no documentation for approval to withhold Social Security taxes from our left members. Chief Eastman was also not able to find documentation. Therefore, the fire district has two options which are to simply stop paying social security taxes or to hold a vote with current LEOFF members to opt into the social security program. Chief Eastman will discuss with the union representatives.

AUDIENCE INPUT

None.

At 4:45 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 5:13 PM.

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Rocky Eastman, Secretary

Approved by: _____, Chairman