

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on October 8, 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 and John Knowles 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 September 25, 2024 and the Special meeting of October 2, 2024 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Myrick. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

The Snure seminar is October 23rd starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Davenport Grand Hotel in Spokane. The WFCAs annual conference is October 24th – 26th.

CHIEF'S REPORT

The Fire and EMS response and transport reports for September were provided. One hundred ten total responses for the month and sixty-eight EMS responses with thirty transports and four airport transports.

The USFS Tiger Canyon prescribed burn jumped the control lines on October 1, 2024 and has burned approximately 500 acres with about 400 acres in the Mill Creek Watershed. A Complex Incident Management Team is managing the fire and the crews are making good progress getting control lines (handlines) around the fire. A community meeting is scheduled for October 9th at Station 45.

Pump testing is completed and the test pit winterized. One more school for SAM this week and then that program will be completed. Kyle is starting his annual maintenance program for this year.

A pinning ceremony is tentatively scheduled for November 6th at 6:00 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Interviews for new volunteer members have been completed and 13 are moving forward through the vetting process. Once this is completed, a list of new members will be presented to the board for review.

Discussed the possible purchase of a new Type 1 engine to replace E3416 (1997 Freightliner). Stock engines are significantly lower price than an engine built specifically for Fire District 4. The Board would like to purchase an engine that will meet our needs and be reasonably priced. They directed the chiefs to gather information (specification and quotes) for a stock engine and report back to the board for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

Payroll and expense vouchers numbered 241001001 through 241001053 were presented for payment. Chief Eastman reviewed some of the big-ticket items. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve the expense vouchers. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion, and it was carried out. The total for these was \$200,572.39.

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Per the discussion at previous commissioner meetings, Chief Eastman presented updated policies 300-008 – Charging for Services, 500-013 – Job Description – Mechanic/Firefighter. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Myrick motioned to approve Resolution 2024-07: Amending Policies & Procedures. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Chief Eastman presented two ambulance refund requests received from Systems Design. The refunds are due to overpayment. Commissioner Farrens motioned to approve the refund requests in the amount of \$94.44 and \$621.12. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

Chief Eastman discussed the 2025 Airport fees for ARFF. Our agreement states the fee for the next year shall be presented to the Airport Manager by November 1st. Our labor agreement provides a 4% COLA increase for Local 4514 members in 2025. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Myrick motioned for a 4% increase in the 2025 ARFF service contract with the Port of Walla Walla. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE INPUT

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on October 30, 2024, at 4:00 PM.

Submitted by: Rocky Eastman, Secretary

Approved by: _____, Chairman