

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on June 25, 2025, at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:12 p.m. by Chairman Farrens. Commissioners Myrick and Hector and Secretary/Chief John Golden were present at Station 41. Guests include Deputy Chief Brandon McKinney and Megan Waite in person.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Farrens.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The meeting agenda was presented, no changes to 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 June 11, 2025, 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 May were presented and reviewed.

SE WA Fire Commissioner meeting reports we are fortunate to have the aerial wildfire resources, the 2024 awarded scholarship was returned so it is re-open for applications and Secretary Rick Turner is retiring.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Apparatus update: E3442 in-service this weekend at station 42. Type 4 and 5 engines will be moved around as follows: Old E3441 to E3445, E3452 to E3453, E3453 to E3456, E3455 to E3451. The new Type 1 Engine needs radio install and equipment stocked. Once complete it will go to E3413, the old E3413 to E3416, old E3416 will be surplus. E3416 comparable for sales range anywhere from \$15,000 to \$50,000.

Rescue 3441 is being monitored for battery drainage we replaced the inverter on warranty. Will continue to monitor.

Engine 3411 had new tires installed.

New command pick-up is scheduled to be in Spokane on Monday June 30<sup>th</sup>. Kyle with General Fire is confirming for Chief Golden.

ARFF School this week in Montana for Laelan Torrance, Justin Folz and Viorel Malancea.

Pacific Northwest Hydro, completed the hose testing. Our crews tested all ladders, all passed.

Brian Gourdin has given notice due to medical reasons. Chief's interviewed one candidate Monday, they had already interviewed two others.

Contract negotiations underway

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Station Radio/Speakers have a temporary fix in place. Deputy Chief McKinney shared estimates to repair current system, upgrade the entire system, and partial upgrade – with plans to finish complete up grade in the next few years. Upgrading the system would take into considerations for firefighter health with automated voice and heart healthy features.

Starting in May 2026 through September 2026 Walla Walla County will be making improvements to Mill Creek Road. A 1½ mile stretch in front of station 45 will be affected, however, station 45 will remain accessible.

Community Development Planning Open House tomorrow June 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss the comprehensive plan.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Previously a motion was made authorizing Deputy Chief McKinney to be added to all department bank accounts. The Petty Cash Account was not listed on those minutes. Commissioner Myrick motioned to add Deputy Chief Brandon McKinney to the Petty cash account at Baker Boyer Bank. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Myrick inquired about any progress on cameras at all the stations for improved security.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Deputy Chief McKinney has been on state mobilizations this year creating several hours of overtime. His Overtime hours are reimbursable through the Washington State Patrol. Commissioner Hector motioned to pay Deputy Chief McKinney for state mobilized overtime hours. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

### **AUDIENCE INPUT**

None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief John Golden

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