

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on July 23, 2025, at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 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, Deputy Chief Adam Woiblet, Brian Jones and Megan Waite in person.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Farrens.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

The meeting agenda and minutes of the regular meeting of July 9, 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 June were presented and reviewed.

CHIEF'S REPORT

The last of the tools are being installed on E3413 and should be in-service next week.

Washington state patrol payments for mobilized equipment have been received for some of the earlier fires.

The IRS invoiced late fees for 4th quarter 2024 because of an error on the Schedule B form submitted with the 941 Form for quarterly taxes. We submitted a correct Schedule B with a request to review; the submitted form was incorrect. Chief Golden called the IRS and was able to have all the fees waved.

Our neighbor at Station 41, Linda Stevens advised she plans to sell her property.

Contract negotiation meeting scheduled August 12th, should have an update at August 13th meeting.

Sweets Baseball game Saturday, July 26th at 6:35p

National Night out is August 5th at Pioneer Park from 5:00pm to 7:30pm. District #4 will have a booth.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution 2025-06: A resolution to authorize the surplus of apparatus and equipment. Discussed surplus options. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve the surplus list of one type 1 fire engine. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

A brief discussion regarding the sale options and reviewing comparable engines for the surplus of Engine 3416. Commissioner Hector motioned to allow Chief Golden to negotiate a price on behalf of the Commissioners with an interested party. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Beginning July 27, 2025 volunteer firefighters can enroll in Washingtons DCP program, per HB1156. The Department of Retirement Systems (DRS) sent notice 25-014 with information regarding eligibility and enrollment. After a brief discussion, Chief Golden to determine if the members have any interest in contributing and to confirm the term 'paid wages' is the same as 'paid stipends/points' as we do not pay wages to our volunteers.

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Charlotte Birdwell's property at 53246 Triangle Road, Milton Freewater, OR 98362 was reported sold. An unsuccessful effort has been made to establish a fire protection contract with the new owners. Commissioner Myrick motioned to cancel the contract at 53246 Triangle Road, Milton Freewater, OR. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE INPUT

None.

At 4:40pm Commissioner Farrens 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 25-30 minutes. The Commissioner came out of Executive Session at 5:08pm and the meeting continued.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:08 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief John Golden

Approved by: _____, Chairman