

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on August 13, 2025 at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Farrens. Commissioners Hector and Myrick and Secretary John Golden were present at Station 41. Guest includes Deputy Chief Brandon McKinney, Deputy Chief Adam Woiblet and Megan Waite.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Farrens.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The meeting agenda was presented. 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 23, 2025, were motioned for approval by Commissioner Hector. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Commissioners activity reports were reviewed and approved by each commissioner.

Port of Walla Walla Airport Manager Jennifer Skogland invited all airport tenants to a BBQ for the WWII airplane pilots.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

National Night Out August 5<sup>th</sup> had a great turn-out, the on-duty crew were great at interacting with attendees. Our Little Chief will visit station 41 on Monday August 18<sup>th</sup> and learn more about firefighting.

Fire and EMS response and transport reports for July were provided. One hundred twenty-eight total responses for the month and sixty-eight EMS responses with forty-two transports.

Ryan attended ARFF training in Helena. Justin passed his ARFF certification test, Ryan and Laelen will be tested soon.

Shift change set for September 1<sup>st</sup> Dean Walker will switch from A-shift to C-shift, to help cover Paige while she is out on maternity leave.

Union Negotiations are continuing, draft should be available soon

Insurance refund request for an overpayment was refunded via petty cash check.

New type 4's and Engine 3413 are in-service and all performing well.

Chief McKinney has applied for a grant to operate drones, if awarded we would like to see a drone program implemented.

Scenic Loop Fire follow-up, Chief Golden had sent a summary of the incident to the commissioners to review. A brief discussion about the call overall. Commissioner Farrens had received a couple phone calls of appreciation.

Multiple public records request are being received for the structures lost on the Scenic Loop fire.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Chief Golden sent proposal to Whitman County for Engine 3416. The proposed amount is \$47,500.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Overtime authorization for Chief Golden and Deputy Chief McKinney for state mobilization. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve overtime pay for time spent on state mobilization. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

Payroll and expense vouchers numbered 250801001 through 250801054 for a total of \$311,159.24 were presented for payment. Chief Golden reviewed some of the big-ticket items, including paramedic school tuition for Steve Dildine, Wyatt Towne and Ryan Chase. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve the expense vouchers. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried.

**AUDIENCE INPUT**

None.

At 4:44pm 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 5-10 minutes. The Commissioner came out of Executive Session at 4:56pm and the meeting continued.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:57pm.

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 4:00 P.M. Submitted by: Chief John Golden

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