

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on December 27, 2023 at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Myrick. Commissioners Hector and Farrens and Secretary/Chief Rocky Eastman were present at Station 41. Guests included Deputy Chief Golden, Brian Jones and Megan Waite.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Myrick.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The meeting agenda was presented, no changes to agenda. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

OATH OF OFFICE

Larry Hector, re-elected to Commissioner Position #2, took the Oath of Office.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2023

It was motioned Commissioner Hector and seconded by Commissioner Farrens for Commissioner Hector for Chairman and Commissioner Farren for Vice-Chair during 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 13, 2023 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Hector. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

The 2024 Budget books were distributed.

Commissioner Farrens, Deputy Chief Golden and Chief Eastman to attend the WFC/WFCA legislative day and meet with the 16th district representatives.

CHIEF'S REPORT

E3414 is still at General Fire in Spokane. Both the left and right 6-inch butterfly valves that stick when opening were replaced, issue not resolved. General Fire will now be replacing the valves and motors on both sides. Will be out-of-service for a few more weeks.

Holiday Family Food and Toy deliveries were completed on Thursday the 21st, Six families were sponsored again this year!

Chief's interviews for Training Captain are scheduled for January 3, 2024.

The Resident Training Program draft will be presented at the next commissioner meeting. Firefighter/Paramedic Bowen has been heading the proposed updates to our current program.

Walla Walla County planning department received a conditional use permit from the WWC Fire District #8 to build a fire station on Mill Creek Road near Interchange Road.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Hector updated the board on the recent strategic planning meeting. The plan will be distributed to the department members for input before a final draft is complete. The plan will be a good road map for the agency for the next several years.

Levy Lid Lift Press release went out to news outlets and on social media outlets. There was a slight miscommunication on final draft, causing a little difference in the news and social media release. The release on social media is accurate.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorization for Deputy Chief Golden to be added as a signature on fire district bank accounts at Banner Bank and Baker Boyer Bank. Commissioner Myrick motioned to approve authorizing Deputy Chief John Golden as a signature on Banner Bank and Baker Boyer Bank accounts. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried.

WESCOM is working on ways to be self-sustainable in the next 3-5 years with a proposed funding source of 0.1 or 0.2 % of 1% of sales tax for public safety communications.

AUDIENCE INPUT

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

Approved by: _____, Chairman