

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on December 28, 2022 at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Farrens. Commissioners Farrens and Myrick and Secretary/Chief Rocky Eastman were present at Station 41, Commissioner Hector via telephone. Guests included Deputy Chief John Golden 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 December 14, 2022 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 November were presented & reviewed. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve the Treasurer's Financial Report and Secretary's Budget Report. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried.

Chief Eastman reported our 2022 ending balance is projected to be more than originally estimated due to Type 1 engine not being completed as projected by the end of 2022.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Eastman gave apparatus update. The rescue is being stocked with tools and supplies, should be in-service by next week. Tenders are in Spokane, where a final inspection will take place before delivery Wednesday or Thursday next week. Type 1 engine expected to arrive in 2-3 weeks.

Chief Eastman advised Mallory was contacted that they were awarded the bid for the type 4 bed, tank and boxes. A comparable water cooled Deutz engine/pump has been located for the type 4 engines to replace the unavailable air cooled Deutz engine/pump, the cost is approximately \$6,000 more than we originally estimated. Projected cost will determine the method of procurement required.

Chief Eastman reports career staff shift schedule changes to 48/96 for the shift members and a 3 on, 3 off for the flexible shift members effective January 1.

Chief Eastman gave staffing update. Travis Slater is hoping to receive medical clearance for light/office duty January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Timothy Bowen is riding with his preceptor in Richland as much as possible to meet the requirements for the paramedic course.

Chief Eastman and Commissioner Farrens had a brief interview with the state Auditor. Neither expressed any concerns, a formal entrance interview will be around the first of the year. The cost will be around \$10-\$12K for audit.

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Structure academy starts Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Of the 25 recruits 8-10 are D4. Cost is approximately \$1,000 per student. We will seek partial reimbursement from the state after course is completed through the Basic Firefighter Reimbursement program.

Chief Eastman reports the Tahoe, UT341, has been having issues. The diagnosis is bad transmission. Replacement cost estimated at \$6,000-\$8,000, Kyle is working on estimates.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**AUDIENCE INPUT**

None

At 4:20 PM 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 for 10 minutes.

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 Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

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