

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:28 p.m. by Chairman Farrens. Commissioners Farrens, Hector and Myrick and Secretary/Chief Rocky Eastman were present at Station 41. Guests included Deputy Chief John Golden, Brian Jones 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, Commissioner Farrens added future apparatus purchases to new business. 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 September 13, 2022 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Hector. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Financial Report for August was approved as presented.

The Secretary's Budget Report for August was presented, reviewed and approved.

SE WFCMA Commissioner Hector elected President, Congratulations! Chief Eastman gave a brief summary of the SE WFCMA meeting.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Open House October 8th from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Commissioners are cooking hot dogs and onions, need to start cooking by 10:30.

Chief Eastman gave apparatus update; The dozer trailer is scheduled to arrive Wednesday, October 5th. The two Water Tenders for stations 41 and 43 are projected to be completed near the end of October; the final inspection will take place in South Dakota. Chief Eastman will invite members of the apparatus committee to attend the upcoming inspections. The two 1997 tenders currently at stations 43 and 45 will be sold, and other tenders will be re-positioned for optimal utilization. The Ambulance, replacing R3441, and the engine for station 4 are expected to be completed in early December 2022. E3414 will be moved to station 41 and E3416 will be sold. All new apparatus will be paid in 2022 budget.

Deputy Chief Golden reported we were awarded the \$5,000 Gesa Credit Union grant for back-up cameras for engines, tenders and ambulance and thermal imaging cameras. Funding is expected in November.

Deputy Chief Golden reported the failed Irrigation Pump at 604 Abbott was replaced today by Steve Brown with Dakota Well and Pump.

Deputy Chief Golden stated our members have been assisting City of Walla Walla Fire with the SAM program this month. Our members are teaching primarily 2nd graders.

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Commissioner Myrick inquired about the deputy chief vehicle progress. Chief Golden reported firefighter Casey Sewell is the lead on the project, Extendo-Bed and canopy have been installed working on wiring.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chief Eastman and Deputy Chief Golden met with the Port of Walla Walla last week. Both parties are interested in renegotiating the contract. Chief Eastman noted some changes to include; contract will include 2-flights per day pricing, base fee to increase due to wage increase, training fees included in the base fee, 30-day termination clause was increase to 365-days, the EVIP runway will be included for our department only. Commissioner Farrens thank the Chief Eastman and Deputy Chief Golden for their work on the contract.

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Chief Golden presented nine new volunteer members for consideration, all have completed initial interview and background checks. Physical exams are scheduled. Commissioner Hector motioned to accept new members pending physical exam is completed. Commissioner Myrick seconded the motion and was carried.

Chief Eastman presented our EMAC agreement for renewal, current agreement expires end of October. The EMAC agreement allows Walla Walla County Fire District #4 to be part of out-of-state deployments. Commissioner Myrick motioned to renew contract. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried.

Commissioner Farrens inquired about future apparatus purchase planning due to long build times. Chief Eastman stated currently the standard build time is 24-36 months for engines. After a brief discussion it was decided to make decision whether to order a new engine by the end of 2022 to replace E3413 at station 43 in 2024.

Commissioner Myrick inquired about the surplus of the 1997 tenders, W3433 and W3435. Chief Eastman stated he has had other district express interested in purchasing tenders, and would propose selling through sealed bid.

AUDIENCE INPUT

Administrative Assistant Megan Waite informed the Commissioners she would be attending the Washington Fire Chiefs Administrative Support Conference next week.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:24 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

Approved by: _____, Chairman