

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on January 27, 2026, at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Chairman Myrick. Commissioners Farrens 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 Myrick.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

The meeting agenda and minutes of the regular meeting of January 14, 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 December were presented and reviewed.

EMS Levy distribution for 2025 was distributed.

Commissioner Farrens inquired if reservations had been made for the upcoming WFCFA conferences in March and October in Spokane. Megan will follow up and confirm.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Aid 3421 is out of service for mechanical issues; parts are ordered and should be repaired 1/28. We have turned down two Life Flight transports due to it being out of service.

Engine 3411 is in-service. Mountain High completed repairs for just above the estimate given.

Automated dispatch went live last week.

Entry level testing for FF/EMT February 25 & 26.

Awards banquet March 7th

Washington state audit is wrapping up.

Minor academy injury on Saturday, January 24th. One of our volunteer members had a sliding door shut on his knee during a search & rescue drill. Appropriate BVFF paperwork was completed.

Deputy Chief Woiblet has been compiling feedback from volunteers regarding recruitment and retention. A final report should be available soon for Commissioners to review. Chief Golden thanked Adam for all his hard work.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Two Oregon contracts that are delinquent were presented to consider cancelling. Several attempts have been made to contact contract owners. Commissioner Farrens motioned to terminate the contracts. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion.

Brought for consideration was MOU 2026-01 with Local 4514 to allow sick leave to be cashed out to VEBA upon retirement. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Farrens motioned to approve MOU 2026-01. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

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The Collective Bargaining agreement changed to include Christmas Eve as a holiday effective 2026 making a total of 11 holidays per year. The District policies have 10 holidays. Commissioner Farrens motioned to add Christmas Eve to the District policies to match the CBA. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion. Chief will make changes and present with a resolution at the next regular meeting.

AUDIENCE INPUT

Brian Jones questioned a radio test during an emergency with the new CAD dispatching system. Deputy Chief McKinney said the issue had been addressed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:52 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief John Golden

Approved by: _____, Chairman