

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on February 11, 2026 at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Chairman Myrick. Commissioners Farrens and Hector were present at Station 41 and Secretary/Chief John Golden. Guests include Deputy Chief Brandon McKinney, 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 27, 2025 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Farrens. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

Chief Golden gave a brief update from the Legislative day in Olympia January 29th.

Confirmed upcoming conferences and who will be attending each conference.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire and EMS incidents report for January, 93 calls total for January. Thirty-three fire calls and sixty EMS of those 36 were transports.

All Apparatus currently in service.

Building the dozer transport and dozer operator list.

Image trend transition on track for March 1 launch.

Evening pager tests have been removed from automatic dispatch. Dispatchers will do pager tests manually when available.

One of our volunteer members had a minor injury to his knee during search and rescue training for academy.

An ambulance billing Insurance reimbursement is in the vouchers, the insurance company overpaid.

Walla Walla Conservation District has a new pass-through grant for wildfire mitigation. Chief Golden has signed the agreement and Lt. Phil Tonn has properties lined up for work.

We've had two public records requests, one for a medical event involving an individual losing a limb and the second was a fire in 2024 in Franklin County that D4 assisted on.

Washington state audit is ongoing and hopefully wrapping up soon. The auditor has asked for updates to be made to the State Auditors annual reports for 2022, 2023 and 2024 specifically the Notes to the Financial statements.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Personnel Policy Member Handbook was updated to include Christmas Eve as a holiday to match the Collective bargaining agreement.

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NEW BUSINESS

Payroll and expense vouchers numbered 260201001 through 260201062 were presented for payment. Chief Golden reviewed some of the big-ticket items. Commissioner Farrens motioned to approve the expense vouchers. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried. The total for these were \$289,486.73.

The 2026 EMS Levy Contract renewal was presented for approval. Commissioner Farrens motioned to approve the 2026 EMS Levy Contract. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

The 2026 – 2031 US Forest service contract was presented for renewal. Commissioner Farrens motioned to renew the contract with the US Forest service. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE INPUT

Commissioner Farrens reported the aircraft bill is moving along.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:42 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2025 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief John Golden

Approved by: _____, Chairman