

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on June 24, 2026, at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 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 and Deputy Chief Adam Woiblet 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 June 10, 2026, were motioned for approval by Commissioner Farrens. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried.

PRESENTATION FROM MEDIC LAELEN TORRANCE

Medic Laelen Torrance reported on her work to begin a Peer Support Group here at D4. She has a background in that realm and believes it can be instituted with little or no cost to the District. She also shared an example of a draft policy for the Commissioners to consider at a later date. The primary focus is on the mental health and wellbeing of our members, both career and especially volunteers. More discussion and possible action by the Commissioners coming at a later date.

Laelen also gave a brief presentation regarding her desire to institute a support dog here at Station 41. Her own dog Avi has been trained for such a role and is advocating that D4 move forward with that. She indicated that she still has some work to do regarding liability insurance. The Commissioners appreciated Laelen's presentations and thanked her.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Financial report and Secretary's Budget for May were presented with a little more complete revenue picture from the County Treasurer. Accumulated interest is supposed to be calculated and shared with the District by the end of June according to County Treasurer.

No report from SEWFCA meeting that was held on June 19th in Dayton.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Megan is on a well-deserved vacation this week.

WW Sweets game this Friday, June 26th, gates open at 6 and game is at 6:30pm. Thank you to the Auxiliary and the Lynch Family.

Josh Needham and Ethan Zehner are away at ARFF school this week in Helena, MT. Return is Thursday.

Wyatt and Steve are in their 2nd week of Medic School in Boston. Shifts have been covered.

Summer hires Joe Baffney (A), Joshua Torres (B), Ryan Sellers (C) have started.

Injury update on a resident who hurt his finger in the weight room.

Apparatus update: All trucks in service

Station Alerting has been ordered and should begin arriving in several weeks.

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Several State Mobilizations have occurred already this fire season. D4 has had at least 4 where we have gone to help that have turned into mobilizations. D4 will begin rostering a truck this week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

AUDIENCE INPUT

None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 8th at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief John Golden

Approved by: _____, Chairman