The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on August 12, 2026, at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Myrick. Commissioners Farrens and Hector and Secretary/Chief John Golden were present at Station 41. Guests include Megan Waite in person.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Myrick.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
The meeting agenda was presented, no changes to agenda. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The minutes of the regular meeting of July 22, 2026, was motioned for approval by Commissioner Hector. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

CHIEF'S REPORT
Land use agreement with DNR for use of the hydrant at station 45 was signed to support the Paradise Fire in the watershed.

Chief gave an update on the paradise fire, has been burning and moving in a favorable direction until the last couple hours, situation is changing and the potential for evacuations is increasing.

July responses

Personnel – Ryan Chase is in Boston for the paramedic program. Wyatt and Steve have started their clinicals at Kadlec. Our mobe truck is in house – watching the paradise fire. We have a visiting medic student working with A-shift, paramedic Brian is his mentor.

The Spokane fires were close to our Paramedic Laelen Torrance's house.

Heat detectors in the bay were expired and needed to be changed. They were installed yesterday – we are in compliance with city fire code.

Apparatus update, everything in working order.

Insurance refund check to an insurance company for over payment

Annual hydrant testing at the airport started yesterday.

NW Team 7 had originally camped out at station 41 when the paradise fire started. They dropped off a thank you.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
UT348 insurance company, VFIS made two offers
Offer 1) We get paid $59,429 and they take the truck with everything attached.
Offer 2) We get paid $57,929 and we get to keep the pick-up and everything attached.

Commissioner Farrens motioned to accept option 2. The motion was withdrawn until attorney Brian Snure has a chance to review.

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State bid for a new pick-up $58,743 - was motioned for approval by Commissioner Farrens. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried

Chief contacted Hughes in Tri-Cities to get on the schedule to be upfitted in four months when the truck comes in.

NEW BUSINESS

Vouchers were presented by Chief Golden; motioned for approval by Commissioner Farrens. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried

Commissioner Hector asked about the reporting the commissioners do and the webpage changing to a .gov. It is a legitimate change.

AUDIENCE INPUT

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 26, at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief John Golden

Approved by: _____, Chairman