The minutes of the special meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on September 9, 2026, at Station 41.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 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
The meeting agenda was motioned for approval by Commissioner Hector. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The minutes of the regular meeting of August 26, 2026, was motioned for approval by Commissioner Hector. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT
The Commissioners' activity reports were reviewed and approved by each commissioner.

Snure Seminar in Spokane October 21st from 6:30p – 9:30p

November 11th meeting falls on Veterans Day. Commissioner Myrick motioned to move November regular meeting to Tuesday, November 10th. Commissioner Hector seconded the motion and was carried.

CHIEFS REPORT
Paradise Fire is wrapping up and will likely be turned over to the local crews next week.

Fire and EMS incidents report for August was unavailable, currently runs are down a little compared to last year.

Fair went fairly smooth this year.

Six Oregon contracts are delinquent; multiple efforts have been made to contact property owners. The contracts have been terminated.

Steve and Wyatt in the middle of clinicals at Kadlec. Ryan starting clinicals soon.

Viorel has started pump testing.

New F250 for Chief has been ordered, delivery anticipated after the first of the year. Dean Atkinson will be assisting with the sale of the totaled vehicle.

Dispatch user fee will not be invoiced to fire districts in 2027 or 2028, due to the new dispatch tax.

Chris Hansen will be promoted to Lt at station 43, effective October 1.
SAM program started today with Justin, Tank and Ethan teaching second grade this year.

Open House Saturday, October 3rd from 11a – 2p. Commissioners will cook hot dogs. We'll have big water and extrication demonstrations, checking on availability of Life Flight...

E3411 was responding to an incident when the check engine light came on. The fan belt broke, Byrnes Oil had a belt in stock. The crews were able to repair on the roadside and return to station.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS
Payroll and expense vouchers numbered 260901001 through 260901160 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 $325,697.33.

Discussion of ambulance rate increase for mileage 2027, last increase was 2017. Systems Design suggested updated the mileage. Chief Golden will have a proposal at next meeting.

Discussion of EMS stand-by's increase for 2027 was had. Chief Golden will have a proposal at next meeting.

New Oregon Contract at 53700 Stateline presented for approval. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve contract with 53700 Stateline Road. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried

Approval of DC McKinney's OT on the Little Goose fire, we will be receiving reimbursement from the state for the mobilization. Commissioner Hector motioned to approve overtime. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

AUDIENCE INPUT
None

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, September 23 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief John Golden

Approved by: _____, Chairman