



BENTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

March 21, 2022

CALL REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Orth called the meeting to order **3:30 PM** at District #2, Station 210.

THOSE PRESENT:

Barry Orth, Chairperson
Larry Howell, Commissioner (3:36 PM)
Steve Rouse, Commissioner
Ron Duncan, Fire Chief
Dennis Bates, Asst. Fire Chief
Caren Wheeler, District Secretary

GUESTS:

Shane Yoakum, BC Podcast (via Zoom)
Jeannie Howell
Bill Reed, City Council
Scott Hawley, Captain

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

AGENDA AND MINUTES:

- Approval of the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting dated 03-21-2022.
- Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 03-07-2022.

Commissioner Rouse moved to approve the agenda, for the Regular Board Meeting, dated March 21, 2022, and moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, dated March 7, 2022. Chairperson Orth seconded, and the motions passed.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 03-26-22, Appreciation Dinner, 6:00 PM, Tucannon Winery
- **04-04-22, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 6:00 PM, STA 210**
- **04-18-22, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 3:30 PM, STA 210**

VOUCHERS:

The following Vouchers are approved for payment from Fund 6802-101:

Payroll Direct Deposit, in the amount of \$42,070.98;
Payroll Voucher, in the amount of \$34,608.05;
Bill Vouchers, in the amount of \$15,862.11;

Grand Total of \$92,541.14

Commissioner Rouse moved to approve and pay Payroll Direct Deposit, in the amount of \$42,070.98, Payroll Vouchers in the amount of \$34,608.05, and Bill Vouchers in the amount of \$15,862.11; for a Grand Total of \$92,541.14. Chairperson Orth seconded, and the motion passed.

CITY OF BENTON CITY: *Bill Reed* – Nothing of importance to report. General items being taken care of by the City. Ninth street cannot be paved until April 1st per WSDOT. Responding to Commissioner Howell question as to how to report concerns to the City. The online link through the city is not working and has disappeared. So, we do have to have a process and we are going back to paper form, I have some here to leave with you. Code enforcement has been active. New code enforcement person has gone above and beyond, has made 50 new contacts from everything from stop work orders to code violations, like construction without permits. She is working on educating people about processes, so they are compliant with code enforcement. The old City Hall building we have no information on that as of yet. Concerns about the poor visibility at intersections due to large, parked cars along HWY 225. We have been in contact with DOT. They are not inclined to put up stop lights on 225 currently so it falls



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back to the city. Right now, there is conversation about making the 2 spaces close to an intersection to be compact car parking. Most business are fine with this set up.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *None.*

CORRESPONDENCE: Commissioners will complete the PDC online filing by April 15th. They are some issues trying to access the information and will contact WFCA for help. We received a letter from Shane Yoakum asking if we could keep the online access to the meetings for those who have a difficulty to attend. The follow correspondence from WFCA listing the requirements that are still required even with the mask mandate changes. An online component is still required for the public. Chief Duncan has also talked with our attorney to verify that video and audio is allowed as long as it is not disruptive and in accordance with state rules and regulations.

- WFCA – PDC Filing Deadline - April 15
- Requesting Continued Zoom Meetings
- Washington Fire Commissioners Association – Changes to Masking Rules

FINANCIALS: Financials up through February 2022.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: *Chief Ron Duncan* – Update on the boat. Both Chief bates and Chief Duncan attended a meeting with Benton County Sheriff's department and had good and positive reaction. All about service and partnership. Very good communications. Working through building SOG's for review and financially we gave them the total cost that went into the boat, about \$72,000. We received a GESA grant that went in to buying the pump that will assist with fire suppression along the river. We have taken the boat out to put hours on the motor before it can go into service. Training will follow on driving the boat. Hope to have the boat in service before summer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- BCFPD#2 Association Update – *None.*
- Equipment – *None.*
- STA 210 Upgrades – *None.*
- PIO – Jack Derderian – *None.*
- Safety – John Derderian – *None.*
- Conferences:
 - Chelan Conference: June 4, 2022
 - Fire Admin Conference – October 3-5, 2022, Richland, WA
- **Appreciation Dinner** – March 26, 2022, 6 PM Social, 7 PM Dinner, 8 PM Awards

NEW BUSINESS:

- EMS Levy/EMS Lid Lift – Commissioner Rouse asked about District 4 levy information. Chief Duncan noted he has not read the levy information for District 4. They could be asking for a Lid lift like we will be doing this year. Our EMS levy and EMS lid lift is expiring, and we will be asking just to replace both of them. Everything has been sent to the attorneys to write up the resolutions and ballot information. Our EMS levy and Lid Lift will just be a continuation of what we currently have. District 4, per article read by Scott Hawley, is just that they are putting an EMS Lid Lift in place like we have to maintain flat rate for EMS services.

PERSONNEL:

- Garrett Howell – passed his paramedic protocol test. He is now a paramedic.



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AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: *None.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *None.*

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Howell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Rouse seconded. There being no further business, Chairperson Orth adjourned the meeting at 4:03 PM.

Attested:

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CAREN I. WHEELER, DISTRICT SECRETARY

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BARRY G. ORTH, CHAIRPERSON

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LARRY D. HOWELL, COMMISSIONER

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LEWIS S. ROUSE, COMMISSIONER