



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

November 7, 2022

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**CALL REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER**

**Chairperson Orth** called the meeting to order **6:03 PM** at District #2, Station 210.

**THOSE PRESENT:**

Barry Orth, Chairperson  
Larry Howell, Commissioner  
Steve Rouse, Commissioner  
Dennis Bates, Asst. Fire Chief – *out at 6:17 PM*  
Caren Wheeler, District Secretary

**GUESTS:**

Jack Derderian, PIO  
Bill Reed, Captain / City of Benton City

**ABSENT:** Ron Duncan, Fire Chief

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** *None.*

**AGENDA AND MINUTES:**

- Approval of the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting dated 11-07-2022.
- Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 10-24-2022
- Approval of the Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes dated 11-04-2022.

***Commissioner Howell moved to approve the agenda, for the Regular Board Meeting, dated November 7, 2022, moved to approve the minutes of the Budget Workshop dated November 4, 2022, and moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, dated October 24, 2022. Chairperson Orth seconded, and the motions passed.***

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

- 11-11-22, HOLIDAY: Veteran's Day, Office Closed
- **11-14-22, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 3:30 PM, STA 210**
- 11-24-22, HOLIDAY: Thanksgiving Day, Office Closed
- 11-25-22, HOLIDAY: Thanksgiving Friday, Office Closed
- **12-05-22, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 6:00 PM, STA 210**

**VOUCHERS:**

The following Vouchers are approved for payment from Fund 6821-101:

Bill Vouchers, in the amount of \$26,561.81

***Commissioner Howell moved to approve and pay Bill Vouchers in the amount of \$ 26,561.81. Chairperson Orth seconded, and the motion passed.***

**CITY OF BENTON CITY:** *Bill Reed – A lot of new construction, end of current moratorium, and business as usual.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** *None.*

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Basic Life and A&D Renewal Letter for 2023

**FINANCIALS:** *None.*



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FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT: Asst Chief Bates

- We had high winds in our region. Over 90+ call cross benton and franklin county. A lot of trees down in our local community.
- Currently in the process of bringing on more residents to replace current residents that are moving on to full time positions with other departments.
- Working on budget information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- BCFPD#2 Association Update – *None*.
- Equipment – *None*.
- STA 210 Upgrades – *None*.
- PIO: John Derderian – Working on yar end safety report and website information.
- Conferences: *None*.

BUDGET:

- Budget 2023 Public Hearing Date: **November 14, 2022, at 3:15 PM**, STA 210

NEW BUSINESS:

- Commissioners Calendar 2023 Review

PERSONNEL:

- Assistant Fire Chief Position Posting

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- Executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *Executive session did not take place due to station call. No chief. Will request Executive Session at next meeting.*

- **Executive Session for Personnel Qualifications and/or Performance Review per RCW 42.30.110** (*Evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or review the performance of a public employee.*)

ADJOURNMENT:

**Commissioner Howell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Rouse seconded. There being no further business, Chairperson Orth adjourned the meeting at 6:45 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