



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

PUBLIC  
REMOTE MEETING

March 22, 2021

CALL REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER

**Chairperson Orth** called the meeting to order 3:45 PM at District #2, Station 210.

*Public was virtual.*

THOSE PRESENT: (In-Person)

Barry Orth, *Commissioner*  
Larry Howell, *Commissioner*  
Steve Rouse, *Commissioner*  
Caren Wheeler, *District Secretary*  
Dennis Bates, *Assistant Fire Chief*

GUESTS:

Jack Derderian, *Lieutenant/PIO*  
Scott Hawley, *Captain*

THOSE 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 03-22-2021.
- Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 03-08-2021.

***Commissioner Howell moved to approve the Agenda, for the Regular Board Meeting, dated March 22, 2021. Moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, dated March 08, 2021. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motions passed.***

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 04-04-21, Holiday: Easter Sunday, Faith Council Service at High School 8:00 AM
- **04-05-21, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 6:00 PM, Location: In-Person/Public Virtual**
- **04-19-21, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 3:30 PM, Location: In-Person/Public Virtual**

VOUCHERS:

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

Payroll Direct Deposit, in the amount of \$ 40,200.07;

Payroll Voucher, in the amount of \$ 33,510.89;

Bill Vouchers, in the amount of \$ 56,324.02;

*Grand Total of \$130,034.98*

***Commissioner Howell moved to approve and pay Payroll Direct Deposit, in the amount of \$ 40,200.07 Payroll Vouchers in the amount of \$ 33,510.89, and Bill Vouchers in the amount of \$ 56,324.02; for a Grand Total of \$ 130,034.98. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motions passed.***

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- WFCAs: Chelan Seminar Canceled – Room Reservations
  - We will still hold our 5 Year plan workshop as planned, with the addition of completing the Chief Evaluation.

FINANCIALS: Financials up through February, 2021.



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#### FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: *Dennis Bates, Assistant Fire Chief*

- Ambulances – We plan to purchase ambulances with a portion of the reserve. We will use approximately \$200,000 of our reserve funds to cover the cost of these instead of obtaining a Local loan. Reserve at the end of 2021 is estimated to be \$1,198,000. Proposed capital expenditures, including new ambulances, will drop reserve to about \$700,000. We will be using HGAC to award contract. Motion to approve this is under New Business.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- BCFPD#2 Association Update – None.
- Equipment – None.
- STA 210 Upgrades – None.
- Ambulances – *see Chiefs report.*
- PIO (Jack Derderian) – 3 stories are planned for media outlets.
- Conferences – Chelan Conference has been cancelled. Need to decide what to do about the room reservations. Not used then we lose them. We can try to get them again in October when reservations for 2022 Chelan Conference open up.
  - Will contact Chief Duncan about still attending Chelan and the 5 year plan workshop.
- Appreciation Dinner – Still undecided. Approximately 115-120 attend event.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Ambulances: Need to approve the use of the HGAC contract with Braun North West for the purchase of two (2) ambulances for the price of \$396,053.34 as quoted.

***Commissioner Howell moved to approve the use of HGAC contract with Braun North West for the purchase of two (2) ambulances for the price of \$396,053.34 as quoted. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motion passed.***

#### PERSONNEL:

- Chief Evaluation – rescheduling for 03/22/21.
  - Reschedule for Chelan Meeting
- Paramedic John Derderian will be gone on family leave until April 4.
- District Secretary will be gone from April 8 thru April 12.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.



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ADJOURNMENT:

***Commissioner Howell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Rouse seconded. There being no further business, Chairperson Orth adjourned the meeting at 4:21 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