



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

January 23, 2025

CALL THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Orth called the meeting to order **4:00 PM** at District #2, Station 210.

THOSE PRESENT:

- Barry Orth, *Chairperson*
- Larry Howell, *Commissioner*
- Dennis Bates, *Fire Chief*
- Todd Dormaier, *Assistant Chief.*
- Caren Wheeler, *District Secretary*

GUESTS:

- Cpt. Kelvin Schuman
- Cpt. Scott Hawley
- FF Daniel Tupper
- FF Joshua Albarran
- FF Blayd Taylor
- FF Zane Bracy
- FF Austin Fox

ABSENT: Steve Rouse, *Commissioner*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: *None.*

AGENDA AND MINUTES:

- Approval of the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting dated 01-23-2025.
- Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 01-06-2025.

Commissioner Howell moved to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting dated January 23, 2025, and moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting dated January 6, 2024. Chairperson Orth seconded, and the motions passed.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 02-08-2025, Tri County Meeting, 9:00 AM, BCFPD2, STA 210
- 02-10-2025, B2 Fire COMM Meeting, 4:00 PM, STA 210, Monday
- 02-17-2025, HOLIDAY: President’s Day, Office Closed
- 02-20-2025, B2 Fire COMM Meeting, 4:00 PM, STA 210, Thursday

VOUCHERS:

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

Payroll Direct Deposit, in the amount of \$ 55,703.24;

Payroll Voucher, in the amount of \$ 54,944.26.

13th Month 2023 – Payroll Vouchers in the amount of \$ 6,259.39.

Bill Vouchers, in the amount of \$ 16,266.18.

13th Month 2023 – Bill Vouchers in the amount of \$ 16,369.24.



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Grand total \$ 149,542.31

Commissioner Howell moved to approve and pay Payroll Direct Deposit, in the amount of \$55,703.24, Payroll Vouchers in the amount of \$61,203.65, Bill Vouchers in the amount of \$32,635.42; for a Grand Total of \$149,542.31. Chairperson Orth seconded, and the motions passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *None.*

CITY OF BENTON CITY: *None.*

CORRESPONDENCE: *None.*

FINANCIALS: *Financials up through December 2024.*

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Excellent work by all our crews! They have been handling calls very effectively, getting training done, chores knocked out, projects completed and all with a smile on their faces! Morals are definitely **UP**, and the positivity seems pretty contagious! I am proud to see our Fire Family working well together and taking care of each other. The work party at McKenna's was excellent and I hear tell of groups of folks even getting together for some Golf, grub and possibly a hunt or 2. Also to add to the positivity, Shellie has a new great Grand Baby and Captain Meyer is about to be a grandpa!
- We assisted with CSF in GV last week. We received a very nice thank you email from Chief Pat Mason. We don't Mutual aid with the City of GV much but when we do, they are typically hosting a large incident. This was no exception. It was good to see the CMD structure up and working well with good communications. The level of organization and efficiency was well far above what we had seen in the past.
- We have started a large group of new Volunteers and Volunteer Residents. They are taking to our world like Ducks to water. Captain Guerin has had his hands full but is succeeding in his efforts to build the next generation to propel us forward. He has also gathered help from several of our Officers and it is hugely appreciated! Keep up the Good Fight All!



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- Continuing with our projects in 2025. New Training Platform, New Apparatus tracking platform, New SOGs taking effect, transition from NFIRS to NERIS, upgrading from paper to tablets on the Medics with Image trend. A lot of work but it will pay off! A big thank you to Captains Hawley, Pettis, Guerin and AC Dormaier. They are the driving forces behind this change!
- We should have our final tax/budget numbers from the county before the end of the month. We will bring them to the next meeting. Also, a big shout out to the front Office for hammering through the end of the year closeouts, audits, taxes (W2), dealing with imperfect state PFML and a host of other “fun” projects. Thank you, Caren and Shellie!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- BCFPD#2 Association Update – *None.*
- Equipment – *None.*
- STA 210 Upgrades – *None.*
- Asst Chief Dormaier/PIO – *We have 10 more personnel between Temp, VOL and Residents. 64 personnel are now on Roster.*
- Training (Cpt. Kale Guerin) – *3 New Residents in training.*
- Safety (Cpt. Mike Meyer) – *2 reports – Resident/Shoulder, Captain/Fence*
- Conferences: *Northwest Leadership Conference: March 5-7, 2025*
 - *Attendees: Orth, Rouse, Guerin, and Dormaier*

NEW BUSINESS: *None.*

PERSONNEL:

- New Residents Introductions: Blayd Tayler, Joshua Albarran, Daniel Tupper
- **Kelvin Schuman: Thank You for 47 years of Service with the District.**

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING: *None.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *None.*



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ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Howell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Chairperson Orth seconded. There being no further business, Chairperson Orth adjourned the meeting at 4:30 PM.

Attested on: _____

CAREN WHEELER, DISTRICT SECRETARY

BARRY G. ORTH, CHAIRPERSON

LARRY D. HOWELL, COMMISSIONER

LEWIS S. ROUSE, COMMISSIONER