



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

November 4, 2024

CALL REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Orth called the meeting to order **4:06 PM** at District #2, Station 210.

THOSE PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

Cpt. Scott Hawley

ABSENT: Todd Dormaier, *Assistant Chief*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: *None.*

AGENDA AND MINUTES:

- Approval of the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting dated 11-04-2024.
- Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 10-17-2024.

Commissioner Howell moved to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting dated November 4, 2024, and moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting dated October 17, 2024. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motions passed.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 11-11-2024, HOLIDAY: Veterans Day, Office Closed
- 11-16-2024, **Tri-County Comm Meeting, 9:00 AM, Walla Walla, STA 41**
- **11-21-2024, Public Hearing Meeting for 2025 Budget, [REDACTED], STA 210, Thursday**
- **11-21-2024, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 4:00 PM, STA 210, Thursday**
- 11-28-2024, HOLIDAY: Thanksgiving, Office Closed
- 11-29-2024, HOLIDAY: Thanksgiving Friday, Office Closed
- **12-09-2024, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 4:00 PM, STA 210, Monday**



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VOUCHERS:

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

Bill Vouchers, in the amount of \$ 30,320.79,

Commissioner Howell moved to approve and pay Bill Vouchers in the amount of \$30,320.79. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *None.*

CITY OF BENTON CITY: *None.*

CORRESPONDENCE: *None.*

FINANCIALS: *Financials up through September 2024.*

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Benton City Downtown Trick or treat went very well, with a great public turn out. Also, a good turn out by our folks and we even handled 3 calls during the event.
- We are still down to 3 FF/PM positions, 4 Resident positions and would like to gain at least 7 more volunteers. We are continuing to advertise and actively recruit and are still looking into Public Safety testing (PST) after we test current qualified applicants to hopefully reach out to more qualified applicants. We do have 2 possible volunteers and 2 possible residents in the "pipeline".
- We still have 1 Volunteer & 2 Residents in Structure Academy that is nearing completion.
- I am currently working on revisions to our SOGs. This will be making the necessary changes to tap into volunteers outside the district and to "recalibrate" participation standards and address other efficiencies in the district and its operations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- BCFPD#2 Association Update – *None.*
- Equipment – *None.*
- STA 210 Upgrades – *None.*
- PIO – *None.*
- Safety (Captain Mike Meyer) – *None.*
- Conferences: Leadership March 5-7, 2025.



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BUDGET 2025:

- **Public Hearing Date – November 21, 2024,** [REDACTED]

NEW BUSINESS: *None.*

PERSONNEL: *None.*

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 4:15 PM.

Attested on: _____

CAREN WHEELER, DISTRICT SECRETARY

BARRY G. ORTH, CHAIRPERSON

LARRY D. HOWELL, COMMISSIONER

LEWIS S. ROUSE, COMMISSIONER