



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

June 20, 2024

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CALL REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER

**Chairperson Orth** called the meeting to order **4:01 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:

Bill Reed, Cpt.                      Jeanie Howell  
Steve McGhan, Lt.  
Darrin Pettis, Cpt.  
Wyatt Flagg  
Ayden Decker

ABSENT: Todd Dormaier, *Assistant Chief*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: *Excuse Commissioner Howell under Personnel.*

AGENDA AND MINUTES:

- Approval of the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting dated 06-20-2024.
- Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 06-03-2024.

**Commissioner Howell moved to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting dated June 20, 2024, and moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting dated June 3, 2024.**

**Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motions passed.**

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 07-04-2024, HOLIDAY: Fourth of July, Office closed
- 07-08-2024, **B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 4:00 PM, STA 210, Monday**
- 07-18-2024, **B2 Commissioners' 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 \$ 47,877.23,  
Payroll Voucher, in the amount of \$ 39,339.61,  
Bill Vouchers, in the amount of \$ 24,249.51,

*Grand Total of \$ 111,466.35*

**Commissioner Howell moved to approve and pay Payroll Direct Deposit, in the amount of \$47,877.23, Payroll Vouchers in the amount of \$39,339.61, and Bill Vouchers in the amount of \$24,249.51; for a Grand Total of \$111,466.35. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motions passed.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: *None.*

CITY OF BENTON CITY: Bill Reed updated commissioners on city business.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- *Ki Be Athletic Boosters – 2024-2025 Sponsorship. White Level \$250.*

**Commissioner Howell moved to approve and pay Kiona Benton Athletic Boosters 2024-2025 Annual Sponsorship White Level in the amount of \$250.00. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motion passed.**



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FINANCIALS: Financials up through May 2024

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

- Spoke with Benton City Mayor and WA Fish and Wildlife about walking path area to mow and reduce fuels.
- Transport Truck is near completion. APP 61/APP 62.
- Working on a \$10,000 grant for Wildland PPE.
- Review 13<sup>th</sup> Street structure fire.
- Working on New hire Information for Volunteer Resident positions and Career Medic position.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- BCFPD#2 Association Update – *Will purchase signs for Fire Levy.*
- Equipment – *None.*
- STA 210 Upgrades – *None.*
- PIO (Lt. Jack Derderian) – *None.*
- Safety (Captain Mike Meyer) – *None.*
- State Commissioner Conference, Spokane, WA (10/23-10/26)
  - Attendees: Orth, Howell, Rouse

FIRE Levy Lid Lift:

- Media postcards/ Mailers ordered and shipped. Will be distributed July 17, 2024.
- Back up resolution to be approved either July 18<sup>th</sup> or August 5<sup>th</sup> for General Election.

## August 2024 Primary Election

May 3	Resolution Deadline—August Primary
May 6-10	Candidate Filing Week
May 14	Lot Drawing
May 21	Candidate Statements/Photos Due
June 19	Military/Overseas ballots are mailed
July 17	Ballots mailed
July 29	Mail in/Online registration deadline
August 6	In-Person registration deadline
August 6	Election Day
August 20	Certification of August Primary Results

## November 2024 General Election

August 6	Resolution Deadline—November General
September 18	Military/Overseas ballots are mailed
October 16	Ballots mailed
October 28	Mail in/Online registration deadline
November 5	In-Person registration deadline
November 5	Election Day
November 26	Certification of November General Results



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NEW BUSINESS:

- Annual Report 2023 has been submitted. The full report will be available at the commissioners' meeting on 07/8/24.

PERSONNEL:

- Excuse Commissioner Howell from Commissioners' Meeting dated 06-03-24.

***Commissioner Rouse moved to excuse Commissioner Howell from Commissioners' Meeting dated June 3, 2024. Chairperson Orth seconded, and the motion passed.***

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: *Executive Session for next meeting for performance review.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- No executive session at this meeting. Will move to next meeting 07-08-24.

ADJOURNMENT:

***Commissioner Rouse moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Howell seconded. There being no further business, Chairperson Orth adjourned the meeting at 4:57 PM.***

Attested on: \_\_\_\_\_

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CAREN 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