



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

September 9, 2024

CALL 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*
Steve Rouse, *Commissioner*
Larry Howell, *Commissioner*
Dennis Bates, *Fire Chief*
Caren Wheeler, *District Secretary*

GUESTS:

Bill Reed, *Captain*
Mike Meyer, *Captain*
Grady O'Neil
Austin Fox

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 09-09-2024.
- Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 08-22-2024.

Commissioner Howell moved to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting dated September 9, 2024, and moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting dated August 22, 2024. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motions passed.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **09-19-2024, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 4:00 PM, STA 210, Thursday**
- **10-07-2024, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 4:00 PM, STA 210, Monday**

VOUCHERS:

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

Bill Vouchers, in the amount of \$ 66,006.55,

Commissioner Howell moved to approve and pay approve and pay Bill Vouchers in the amount of \$66,006.55. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *None.*

CITY OF BENTON CITY: *None.*

CORRESPONDENCE: *None.*

FINANCIALS: *None.*

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

- The "School Slow Down" event (the first 3 days of school) went well.
- Benton City Daze is September 13, 14, 15. We are preparing. It will be 3 full days. Street Dance is back in front of Patnode's. The Lawnmower races are back, and they will be at the fairgrounds.
- We are still down 2 FF/PM positions, 3 Resident positions and would like to gain at least 7 more volunteers. We are actively recruiting and are working on setting up a Public Safety testing (PST) account to hopefully reach out to more qualified applicants.
- We have 2 Volunteers & 2 Residents in Structure Academy that started on 9/3/24.
- Our Live Fire Training was last Sunday (9/8/24). Decent turnout and great training!



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- Captain Pettis is out this week at his required annual maintenance conference in Wenatchee.
 - I will be out of town starting this Thursday 9/12/24 and returning Tuesday of next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- BCFPD#2 Association Update – *None*.
- Equipment – *None*.
- STA 210 Upgrades – *None*.
- PIO – *None. Looking for a new PIO.*
- Safety (Captain Mike Meyer) – *None*.
- State Commissioner Conference, Spokane, WA (10/23-10/26)
 - Attendees: Orth, Rouse, Bates, Dormaier

BUDGET 2025:

- Would like to have the budget completed by the end of October to allow enough time for the county to process and make sure they have everything in hand. Especially with Levy information.
- **Budget Workshop Date – October 9, 2024, at 10:00 AM.**
- Public Hearing Date – November 21, 2024, at 3:30 PM.

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 4:42 PM.

Attested on: _____

CAREN WHEELER, DISTRICT SECRETARY

BARRY G. ORTH, CHAIRPERSON

LARRY D. HOWELL, COMMISSIONER

LEWIS S. ROUSE, COMMISSIONER