



BENTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

May 15, 2020

CALL SPECIAL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Orth called the meeting to order 6:10 PM via Zoom Meeting/STA 210.

THOSE PRESENT: **STA 210 Meeting**

Barry Orth, Chairperson
Larry Howell, Commissioner

GUESTS: **via Zoom Meeting**

Asst. Chief Dennis Bates

THOSE PRESENT: **via Zoom**

Steve Rouse, Commissioner
Ron Duncan, Fire Chief
Caren Wheeler, District Secretary (District Office)

THOSE ABSENT: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA AND MINUTES:

- Approval of the Agenda for the Special Meeting dated 05-15-2020.
- Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes dated 05-14-2020 to be postponed until May 18, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.
- Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 05-04-2020 to be postponed until May 18, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

Commissioner Howell moved to approve the Agenda, for the Special Board Meeting, dated May 15, 2020. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motions passed.

OPEN DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT COVID ANITBODY TESTING:

- Open discussion as to who, what, why or any information that brought about antibody testing at the Station location set for May 20, 2020.
 - Initiated the optional testing because of concerns that were being circulation through the department. Many wanted to know whether they have been exposed to the virus.
 - Asst Chief Bates had been approached by many of the department personnel wanting to know if they have been exposed.
 - We have members who have limited their response to the station during this time in order to not expose themselves because of family concerns and/or situation at home. This testing would help eliminate any worry or concerns for our members. It is voluntary and free for member.
- Who will be doing the testing?
 - On Scene Medical
- Where does the information go? Who gets the information?
 - Information is between patient and provider. Other than that we do not know. On Scene Medical works just like your private physician or medical care provider. They are required to follow HIPPA rules.



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- How is the test taken?
 - Test is a blood sample taken and results within 30 hours. This test only confirms if your body has the proteins suggesting you have been exposed to the virus. That's all.
- Test is free to member and intermediate family. They will still ask for insurance information. If you do not have insurance coverage for this test then you just need to complete some additional paperwork for the test.
 - We have 30 members already confirmed they would like to be tested.
- Commissioner Howell – I have concerns whether this would be a part of the contact tracing.
 - This is not a COVID-19 test. This only confirms that you may have been exposed to COVID-19 and could be from exposure as far back as December of last year, for example. This test is only for assurance and helping our members and their families, if they want to be tested. This is voluntary.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Howell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Rouse seconded. There being no further business, Chairperson Orth adjourned the meeting at 7:00 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