



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

October 23, 2023

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CALL REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER

**Chairperson Orth** called the meeting to order **3:33 PM** at District #2, Station 210.

THOSE PRESENT:

Barry Orth, Chairperson  
Larry Howell, Commissioner  
Steve Rouse, Commissioner  
Todd Dormaier, Assistant Chief  
Caren Wheeler, District Secretary

GUESTS:

Orville Long  
Scott Hawley  
Grady O'Niel  
Emmanuel Fernandez  
Ella, *EMT-Ride-Along*  
Wyatt Flagg  
Bill Reed  
Kale Guerin

ABSENT: Dennis Bates, Fire Chief

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

- Table New Business: Commissioner Calendar Review till next meeting.

AGENDA AND MINUTES:

- Approval of the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting dated 10-23-2023.
- Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 10-09-2023.
- **Approval of the Budget Workshop Minutes dated 10-05-2023.**
- **Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes dated 10-16-2023.**

***Commissioner Howell moved to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting dated October 23, 2023, moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting dated October 9, 2023, to approve the minutes of the Budget Workshop dated October 5, 2023, and to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting dated October 16, 2023. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motions passed.***

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 10-25-23, WFOA State Conference, Tulalip, WA
- **11-06-23, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 6:00 PM, STA 210**
- 11-10-23, Holiday – Veterans Day Observed – Office Closed
- **11-13-23, Public Hearing – 2024 Budget, 3:15 PM, STA 210**
- **11-13-23, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 3:30 PM, STA 210**
- 11-23-23, Holiday – Thanksgiving – Office Closed
- 11-24-23, Holiday – Thanksgiving Friday – Office Closed

VOUCHERS:

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

Payroll Direct Deposit, in the amount of \$44,979.61,

Payroll Voucher, in the amount of \$44,937.03,

Bill Vouchers, in the amount of \$16,313.06,

*Grand Total of \$106,229.70*

***Commissioner Howell moved to approve and pay Payroll Direct Deposit, in the amount of \$44,979.61, Payroll Vouchers in the amount of \$44,937.03 and Bill Vouchers in the amount of \$16,313.06; for a Grand Total of \$ 106,229.70. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motions passed.***



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**PUBLIC COMMENT:** *General Public comments are welcome. Speakers are permitted to speak no longer than 5 minutes. There will be no response or discussion for comments.*

- Guest: Orville Long – Past Fire Commissioner Orville Long present the District with a donation check in the amount of \$1,000 from the Tri City Shooting Association for the support and teamwork between both organizations.

**CITY OF BENTON CITY:**

- City Councilperson Bill Reed – We are out of moratorium and there has been an increase in single family dwelling. Discussions are going on about the traffic in Benton city and how to address the situation.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Leadership Conference Flier/Mailer.

**FINANCIALS:** Financials up through September 2023.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:** Todd Dormaier, *Assistant Fire Chief – New transport truck has arrived.*

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- BCFPD#2 Association Update – *None.*
- Equipment – *None.*
- Station IT – *None.*
- STA 210 Upgrades – *None.*
- PIO / Safety (John Derderian /Jack Derderian) – *None.*
- Conferences:
  - WFOA State Conference – October 26-29, 2023, Tulalip, WA
    - *Attendees: Orth, Rouse, Howell*
    - *SNURE: Orth, Rouse, Howell*
  - Northwest Leadership Seminar – March 6-8, 2024, Portland, OR
    - *Attendees:*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 2024 Commissioner Calendar review **(Table till next meeting)**

**BUDGET:**

- Public Hearing for 2024 Budget – November 13, 2023, 3:15 PM

**UNION:**

- Back into negotiations. District received first counteroffer.

**PERSONNEL:** *None.*

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** *None.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** *None.*



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**ADJOURNMENT:**

***Commissioner Howell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Rouse seconded. There being no further business, Chairperson Orth adjourned the meeting at 3:53 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