



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

January 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  
Dennis Bates, Fire Chief  
Caren Wheeler, District Secretary

GUESTS:

Jack Derderian, PIO  
Scott Hawley, Captain  
Matthew Phalen  
Dilyan Blair  
Braden Shahan  
Emmitt Smillie

ABSENT: Steve Rouse, Commissioner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: *Approve absence of Commissioner Rouse under New Business.*

AGENDA AND MINUTES:

- Approval of the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting dated 01-23-2023
- Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 01-09-2023

***Commissioner Howell moved to approve the agenda, for the Regular Board Meeting, dated January 23, 2023, and moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, dated January 9, 2022. Chairperson Orth seconded, and the motions passed.***

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **02-06-23, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 6:00 PM, STA 210**
- **02-13-23, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 3:30 PM, STA 210**
- 02-20-23, HOLIDAY: Presidents Day Observed, Office Closed
- **03-24-23, Appreciation Dinner, 6:00 PM, Tucannon Winery**

VOUCHERS:

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

Payroll Direct Deposit, in the amount of \$42,274.73;  
Payroll Voucher, in the amount of \$43,906.71.  
**13th Month 2022 – Payroll Vouchers** in the amount of \$7,908.93.

The following Bill Vouchers are approved for payment from Fund 6802-101:

**January 2023** – Bill Vouchers in the amount of \$ 21,809.11.  
**13th Month 2022** – Bill Vouchers in the amount of \$4,494.23.

***Grand total \$120,393.53***

***Commissioner Howell moved to approve and pay Payroll Direct Deposit, in the amount of \$42,274.73, Payroll Vouchers in the amount of \$81,815.64, Bill Vouchers in the amount of \$26,303.34; for a Grand Total of \$120,393.53. Chairperson Ort seconded, and the motions passed.***

CITY OF BENTON CITY: *None.*

PUBLIC COMMENT: *None.*

CORRESPONDENCE: *None.*

FINANCIALS: Financials up through December 2022.



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FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT: *Chief Bates*

- Sold old REHAB App, the white ambulance for \$30,000 to a company located in Canada.
- Transport is needing repaired. Received 3 quotes and it is looking like it will run about \$20,000.
- Station 210 fuel tanks lock were broken, and fuel was taken from our tank. Were able to get footage on our camera and submitted report to Benton County Sheriff department.
- Public event request from Kiona Benton School District Gear Up program for a career fair. They already have some students interested in working in the fire service.
- Currently transition office stuff to new Chief. Will take time to complete all changes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- BCFPD#2 Association Update – *None*.
- Equipment – Transport trailer repairs and sale of white McCoy ambulance.
- STA 210 Upgrades – *None*.
- PIO Jack Derderian –
  - Last Friday was the photo op and presentation of large check from Country Financial team for the \$4500 donation we received to put toward fire tools.
  - We will be participating in the Kiona Benton School Career Day in March.
  - District will be starting up CPR classes for the community.
- Conferences:
  - Leadership Conference – March 1-3, 2023, Columbia Riverfront, Portland, OR
    - Attendees: Commissioner Orth and Commissioner Rouse

NEW BUSINESS:

- Excuse Commissioner Rouse from Commissioners’ Meeting dated 01-23-2023.

***Commissioner Howell moved to excuse Commissioner Rouse from Commissioners’ Meeting dated 01-23-2023. Chairperson Orth seconded, and the motion passed.***

PERSONNEL:

- District Secretary will be gone January 31<sup>st</sup> through February 5<sup>th</sup>.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: *None*.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *None*.

ADJOURNMENT:

***Commissioner Howell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Chairperson Orth seconded. There being no further business, Chairperson Orth adjourned the meeting at 3:56 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