



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

March 20, 2023

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CALL REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER

**Chairperson Orth** called the meeting to order **3:30 PM** at District #2, Station 210.

THOSE PRESENT:

Barry Orth, Chairperson  
Larry Howell, Commissioner  
Steve Rouse, Commissioner  
Dennis Bates, Fire Chief  
Caren Wheeler, District Secretary

GUESTS:

John Derderian, Safety PIO  
Jack Derderian, PIO  
Bill Reed, Captain  
Braden Mooney            Maria Blair  
Nicole Strasser            Rachael Voegele

ABSENT: *None.*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: *None.*

AGENDA AND MINUTES:

- Approval of the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting dated 03-06-2023
- Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 02-13-2023

**Commissioner Howell moved to approve the agenda, for the Regular Board Meeting, dated March 6, 2023, and moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, dated February 13, 2023. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motions passed.**

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **03-24-23, Appreciation Dinner, 6:00 PM, Tucannon Winery (on a Friday)**
- **04-10-23, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 6:00 PM, STA 210**
- **04-24-23, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 3:30 PM, STA 210**

VOUCHERS:

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

Payroll Direct Deposit, in the amount of \$ 44,003.69,  
Payroll Voucher, in the amount of \$ 32,475.69,  
Bill Vouchers, in the amount of \$ 31,993.08,

*Grand Total of \$108,472.46*

**Commissioner Howell moved to approve and pay Payroll Direct Deposit, in the amount of \$44,003.69, Payroll Vouchers in the amount of \$32,475.69, and Bill Vouchers in the amount of \$31,993.08; for a Grand Total of \$ 108,472.46. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motions passed.**

CITY OF BENTON CITY: *Bill Reed*

- Moratorium is lifted May 1, 2023
- New positions: Planning Director

PUBLIC COMMENT: *None.*

CORRESPONDENCE: *None.*

FINANCIALS: *None.*



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**FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT:**

- The Union is changing from I-24 to Local 2965 Tri County Local IAFF.
- Paramedic Rachael Voegele was offering a conditional offer for Firefighter Paramedic position.
- Now attending pre-construction meetings with the City of Benton City.
- Attended Fuels and pre-season meeting with BLM.
- Admin contract meeting next week to go over new format and bring contracts current.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- BCFPD#2 Association Update – *None.*
- Equipment – *None.*
- Station IT – *Now have a contract with Innovative Enterprises. Moving server to cloud.*
- STA 210 Upgrades – *None.*
- PIO / Safety (Jack Derderian) –
  - *Moved to Daylight Savings*
  - *Drug Take back April 22, 2023, at Station 210. Working with Benton CO Sheriff.*
  - *May 27<sup>th</sup> will present AEDS to Benton City Little League.*
- Conferences:
  - Chelan Conference – June 3, 2023, Campbell’s Resort, Chelan, WA
    - Attendees: Bates, Orth
    - Non-Attendees: Wheeler, Howell

**NEW BUSINESS:** *None.*

**PERSONNEL:**

- District Secretary out of state April 1st through April 4<sup>th</sup>

**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 4:03 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