



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

August 21, 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  
Steve Rouse, Commissioner  
Larry Howell, Commissioner  
Dennis Bates, Fire Chief  
Caren Wheeler, District Secretary

GUESTS:

Scott Hawley, Captain  
Jack Derderian  
Linda Lehman, Benton City Mayor  
Rachael Voegele

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 08-21-2023.
- Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 08-07-2023.

***Commissioner Howell moved to approve the agenda, for the Regular Board Meeting dated August 21, 2023, and moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting dated August 7, 2023. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motions passed.***

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 08-29-23, School Starts – Kiona Benton School District
- 09-04-23, Holiday – Labor Day – Office Closed
- **09-11-23, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 6:00 PM, STA 210**
- **09-25-23, 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 \$ 49,173.80,  
Payroll Voucher, in the amount of \$ 38,822.81,  
Bill Vouchers, in the amount of \$ 30,120.74,

*Grand Total of \$118,117.35*

***Commissioner Rouse moved to approve and pay Payroll Direct Deposit, in the amount of \$49,173.80, Payroll Vouchers in the amount of \$ 38,822.81 and Bill Vouchers in the amount of \$30,120.74; for a Grand Total of \$118,117.35. Commissioner Howell seconded, and the motion passed.***

PUBLIC COMMENT: *Linda Lehman, Benton City Major*

- Horse Heavens Wind Farm live meeting at the City Council meeting room on 8/22/23 at 9:00 AM. Mayor Lehman inquired if there was any information that she could relay to the meeting from a fire perspective. Chief Bates advised to contact Captain Reed as a resource for fire perspective.



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CITY OF BENTON CITY: *None.*

CORRESPONDENCE: *None.*

FINANCIALS: Financials up through July 2023.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Insurance Claim status for damaged equipment. Claims are underway. Waiting for insurance payments from Enduris for the transport, trailer, and tender.
- Selected a water softener company and they are installing a new system in the next few weeks.
- AC damage to resident room is being fixed. Going through a new AC company that will check the unit regularly so that this does not happen again.
- Wildfire: We have crews in Spokane working on wildfires in that area.
- Trinity Fire: overall good work. Protected all structures. Fire went state mob to acquire air support. We did have a dozer issue that is being addressed and repaired.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- BCFPD#2 Association Update – *None.*
- Equipment – Equipment issues under Chief's report.
- Station IT – *None.*
- STA 210 Upgrades – *None.*
- PIO (Jack Derderian) – Jack Derderian
  - New video and information going out about the mobilization process for fire services when a wildfire happens.
  - September will be another segment about volunteer firefighters.
- Conferences:
  - NAEFO Conference – September 18-19, 2023, Las Vegas, NV
    - *Attendees: Orth*
  - WA Fire Admin Conference – October 2-4, 2023, Leavenworth, WA
    - *Attendees: Canada, Wheeler*
  - WFCA State Conference – October 26-29, 2023, Tulalip, WA
    - *Attendees: Orth, Rouse, Howell, Bates, Dormaier*

NEW BUSINESS:

- Budget Workshop: 9/28/23 at 9:00 AM Station 210 Training room.
- DRS Audit: Wednesday 9/23/23 and will go over any issues and how to fix them.

UNION: *None.*

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 4:24 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