



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

March 4, 2024

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CALL REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER

**Chairperson Orth** called the meeting to order **4:03 PM** at District #2, Station 210.

THOSE PRESENT:

Barry Orth, Chairperson  
Larry Howell, Commissioner  
Steve Rouse, Commissioner 4:05 PM  
Dennis Bates, Fire Chief  
Caren Wheeler, District Secretary

GUESTS:

Scott Hawley, Captain  
Kale Guerin  
Nicole Strasser  
Wyatt Flagg  
Jeannie Howell

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 03-04-2024.
- Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 02-15-2024.

**Commissioner Howell moved to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting dated March 4, 2024, and moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting dated February 15, 2024. Chairperson Orth seconded, and the motions passed.**

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **03-21-2024, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, STA 210,**
- **03-23-2024, Appreciation Dinner, Catholic Hall, 6:00 PM**
- 03-31-2024, Holiday – Easter
- **04-08-2024, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 4:00 PM, STA 210, Monday**

VOUCHERS:

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

Bill Vouchers, in the amount of \$32,924.11

**Commissioner Howell moved to approve and pay Bill Vouchers in the amount of \$32,924.11. Chairperson Orth seconded, and the motion passed.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CITY OF BENTON CITY: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

FINANCIALS: None.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Dennis Bates, Fire Chief

- Rehab set the date for the Appreciation Dinner March 23rd. Location will be the Catholic Hall, Theme is Dimond Anniversary.
- Sent to legal the contract with SAO (Audit Company) for data sharing. We had some changes and will be signed and submitted as soon as SAO accepts them.



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- Resident room repair is completed. Interviews were conducted last Friday, and a conditional offer was made to the #1 candidate. The offer is conditional on background/references/medical etc. Planning to start new residents' mid-month.
- Working on the USFWS contract. There were some changes put in by USFWS, and the District Chiefs are working together to make sure we are covered. All of our local agencies have separate but the same contract. Meeting with District Chiefs this Thursday.
- Moving ahead with having our Open House on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Getting things ready for advertising w/ PIO. Promotion will be out soon.
- Will be working with Legal to prepare the paperwork for the Levy. 5/3/24 is the deadline for August and 8/6/24 for November. The plan is to run in August in case we have to run it a second time in November.
- Started "BC2 In the Loop". I am trying to keep everyone informed of what's going on in the district and on the same page as we move forward. Should have been in your email in box as of 2/29/24.
- MOU was signed with the union fixing the issue in the contract pertaining to the day shift captain working as Duty Chief.
- Union has offered help with the Open House & upcoming Levy. We are also having the Volunteer's Association to help as well. Any help the Board can garner from local citizen groups is welcome as well. The Chiefs are glad to meet with them to keep them informed.
- The BCES amended and restated interlocal agreement is finished and headed to the BCES Board on 3/6/24 in their special meeting. Once adopted it will be brought to the legislative authority for each member agency before the end of March. This enables Benton & Franklin counties and the 3 cities to continue dispatch and have a 1 consolidated microwave system to operate our communications (Radio system) on. This is also groundwork for consolidation of BCES & SECOMM. This also establishes a Capital fund to support the system that was not in place previously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- BCFPD#2 Association Update – *None*.
- Equipment – *None*.
- STA 210 Upgrades – *None*.
- PIO (Lt. Jack Derderian) – *None*.
- Safety (Captain Mike Meyer) – *None*.
- Conferences:
  - Northwest Leadership Seminar – March 6-8, 2024, Portland, OR
    - *Orth and Rouse to attend.*

**NEW BUSINESS:** *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, Commissioner Howell adjourned the meeting at 4:19 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