



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

March 7, 2022

CALL REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Orth called the meeting to order **6:00 PM** at District #2, Station 210.

THOSE PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

Shane Yoakum, BC Podcast (via Zoom)
Jeannie Howell
Bill Reed, Captain
Jack Derderian, PIO
John Derderian, PIO/Safety

Absent: Ron Duncan, Fire Chief

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: *None.*

AGENDA AND MINUTES:

- Approval of the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting dated 03-07-2022.
- Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 02-14-2022.

Commissioner Howell moved to approve the agenda, for the Regular Board Meeting, dated March 7, 2022, and moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, dated February 14, 2022. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motions passed.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **03-21-22, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 3:30 PM, STA 210**
- 03-26-22, Appreciation Dinner, 6:00 PM, Tucannon Winery
- **04-04-22, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 6:00 PM, STA 210**

VOUCHERS:

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

Bill Vouchers, in the amount of \$32,572.49

Commissioner Howell moved to approve and pay Bill Vouchers in the amount of \$32,572.49. Commissioner Rouse, and the motion passed.

CITY OF BENTON CITY: *Bill Reed* – Many things going on in the city. New complex of single dwelling and two duplex homes. We renewed our chamber contract for the year. The chamber handles events like Winterfest and other city events. We are looking at getting new tree grates to go with all the sidewalk updates. City bought a new utility locator estimated cost of about \$8,000. City is also upgrading software. Funding for sewer and water still going on. Nineth street project going better than the previous week. Able to fix unground pipe while they had ground open to prevent extra cost to re-exhume and repair at a later date. There is a city council position open.

Commissioner Howell asks what about the old city hall location, Councilperson Reed said he will ask that question of the city.

Issues along 7th street sidewalk where there are lot of stickers on the sidewalk that need to be remove. Could cause injury and become a legal issue. Councilperson Reed has had talks with code enforcement creating a way to get code violations or concerns reported to the city.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *None.*

CORRESPONDENCE: *None.*



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FINANCIALS: *None.*

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT: Dennis Bates, *Asst Fire Chief* – District secretary and I are pulling information from past levy’s and are putting together the EMS Lid Lift and Levy which will be on the August Election ballot this year. I will also be getting with our PIO’s to build a community outreach campaign for public information. Resolutions will be coming shortly. This is for both our EMS Lid Lift and EMS Levy and is just a continuation of what we already currently have. Captain Pettis is on some much-earned vacation. Wildland season is just beginning. Normal spring cleaning going on at the station. Working on getting IT services and server upgrades.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- BCFPD#2 Association Update – *None.*
- Equipment – *None.*
- STA 210 Upgrades – *None.*
- PIO – Jack Derderian – Only item on the list is the Lid and Levy campaign that chief bates explained. Interview scheduled with Shane for our monthly podcast which will be covering out Lid Lift and Levy information, along with what PulsePoint does and how it works. Also, first responder mental health.
- Safety – John Derderian – We are getting the Safety Committee back into the swing of things. First meeting will be on the 25th of March. We are doing quarterly meetings. No COVID related issues or affected personal. All good.
- Conferences – Chelan Conference: June 4, 2022
- Appreciation Dinner – March 26, 2022. 6 PM social, dinner at 7 PM, awards at 8 PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Commissioner Rouse asked about medical personnel at spring sporting events? How is that handled. Chief bates informed Commissioner that only Varsity Football has that requirement because of it being a contact sport. Chief Bates has informed the Athletic Director Lance DeBoer if they feel they need medical support at any of their event then they only must call and let us know.

PERSONNEL: *None.*

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 6:17 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