



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

February 14, 2022

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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  
Dennis Bates, Asst. Fire Chief  
Caren Wheeler, District Secretary

**GUESTS:**

Shane Yoakum, BC Podcast (via Zoom)  
Jack Derderian, PIO  
Scott Hawley, Captain

**Absent:** Ron Duncan, Fire Chief; Steve Rouse, Commissioner

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** *None.*

**AGENDA AND MINUTES:**

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

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

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

- **02-21-22, HOLIDAY: Presidents Day, Office Closed**
- **03-07-22, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 6:00 PM, STA 210**
- **03-21-22, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 3:30 PM, STA 210**
- 03-26-22, Appreciation Dinner, Tucannon Winery

**VOUCHERS:**

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

Payroll Direct Deposit, in the amount of \$ 42,396.08;

Payroll Voucher, in the amount of \$ 34,187.42.

Bill Vouchers, in the amount of \$ 3,413.47

*Grand Total of \$ 79,996.97*

***Commissioner Howell moved to approve and pay Payroll Direct Deposit, in the amount of \$ 42,396.08, Payroll Vouchers in the amount of \$ 34,187.42, and Bill Vouchers in the amount of \$ 3,413.47; for a Grand Total of \$ 79,996.97. Chairperson Orth seconded, and the motions passed.***

**CITY OF BENTON CITY:** *None.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** *None.*

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Benton County GIS Drone Project – Chief Bates contacted the representative. They are going to make it available to all the entities in Benton County. If we need this for a project, they will make it available to us however, not sure what the fee schedule will be yet. They are currently working with the sheriff department to figure out which type of drones they will be using.

**FINANCIALS:** Financials up through January 2022.



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FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Dennis Bates, *Asst Fire Chief* –

- Boat – 50% ownership with the Sheriff
- EMS Lid Lift coming up. We have the filing dates. We will be working with our PIO to develop an informational campaign. We will be running during the primary election. Talked with Mr. Peterson with Kiona Benton Scholl District and they are nit running anything this year.
  - *Commissioner Larry Howell* – We might want to be prepared for some negative feedback; due to the current climate we are in with the heightened political awareness within the communities.
  - *Chief Bates* – We offer a sit-down coffee time to talk one on one about it, to answer questions and explain, always.
  - *Commissioner Larry Howell* – Maybe schedule a time to have a Q and A session for those who want it. Maybe a community chili feed or something like that.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- BCFPD#2 Association Update – *None.*
- Equipment – *None.*
- STA 210 Upgrades – *None.*
- PIO and Safety – Jack Derderian
  - Campaign on the horizon.
  - Chief Bates – We have Volunteer information and that we will be open for ride-a-longs on the Ki-Be high school weekly call home.
- Conferences – Chelan Conference: June 4, 2022
- Appreciation Dinner – March 26, 2022, flier attached.

NEW BUSINESS: *None.*

PERSONNEL:

- Excuse Commissioner Rouse from Commissioners' Meeting dated 02-14-2022.

***Chairperson Orth moved excuse Commissioner Rouse from Commissioners' Meeting dated 02-14-2022. Commissioner Howell seconded, and the motion passed.***

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 3:43 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