



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

August 5, 2024

CALL REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Commissioner Howell called the meeting to order **4:01 PM** at District #2, Station 210.

THOSE PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

Bill Reed
Mike Meyer
Darrin Pettis
Grady O'Niel

ABSENT: Barry Orth, *Chairperson*; 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 08-05-2024.
- Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 07-18-2024.

Commissioner Howell moved to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting dated August 5, 2024, and moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting dated July 18, 2024.

Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motions passed.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 08-10-2024, Tri County Meeting, 9:00 AM, STA 420, Richland
- **08-22-2024, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 4:00 PM, STA 210, Thursday**
- 09-02-2024, HOLIDAY: Labor Day, Officer Closed
- **09-09-2024, 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 \$ 110,310.02

Commissioner Howell moved to approve and pay approve and pay Bill Vouchers in the amount of \$ 110,310.02. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *None.*

CITY OF BENTON CITY: *Bill Reed – no new information.*

CORRESPONDENCE: *None.*

FINANCIALS: *None.*

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

- The ballots should be out, and election day is tomorrow! Remind folks to vote.
- National Night Out is tomorrow at Carnahan Park. We will be there with equipment show and tell, Fire & Life safety and hopefully recruiting.
- School starts on the 27th. We will be doing the "School Slow Down" the first 3 days in the AM.
- We are down 2 FF/PM positions. It has been posted and we have received 1 application with several calls with interest. We will begin testing as soon as we have enough candidates.



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- We held testing and have 1 new Volunteer that was hired as of today and then as soon as he clears medical, we will have 1 new resident. We are seeking 3 more residents. Today one of our residents transferred to Volunteer status.
- Captain Pettis is on light duty till further notice. Work in the shop has slowed a tad but he is still making headway with the restrictions he has. Several of our Volunteers are stepping up and helping keep things moving forward under his supervision. We wish him a speedy recovery and will support him any way we are able to.
- I let you know at the last meeting that the city has obtained a grant from the Dept. of Commerce for climate change planning. We had our 1st meeting, and it entailed outlining the work to be done and garnering support from different groups. More to follow....

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- BCFPD#2 Association Update – *None*.
- Equipment – *None*.
- STA 210 Upgrades – *None*.
- PIO – *None*.
- Safety (Captain Mike Meyer) – No new injuries.
- State Commissioner Conference, Spokane, WA (10/23-10/26)
 - Attendees: Orth, Howell, Rouse

FIRE Levy Lid Lift:

- Primary Election is tomorrow August 6, 2024.
- Deadline to submit rescinding resolution RES-2024-04 is August 15, 2024.

August 2024 Primary Election

May 3	Resolution Deadline—August Primary
May 6-10	Candidate Filing Week
May 14	Lot Drawing
May 21	Candidate Statements/Photos Due
June 19	Military/Overseas ballots are mailed
July 17	Ballots mailed
July 29	Mail in/Online registration deadline
August 6	In-Person registration deadline
August 6	Election Day
August 20	Certification of August Primary Results

November 2024 General Election

August 6	Resolution Deadline—November General
September 18	Military/Overseas ballots are mailed
October 16	Ballots mailed
October 28	Mail in/Online registration deadline
November 5	In-Person registration deadline
November 5	Election Day
November 26	Certification of November General Results



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NEW BUSINESS: *None.*

PERSONNEL:

- Excuse Commissioner Orth from Commissioners' Meeting dated 08-05-2024.

Commissioner Howell move to excuse Commissioner Orth from Commissioners' Meeting dated August 5, 2024. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motion passed.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: *None.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive session moved to next meeting 08/22/2024.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Howell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Rouse seconded. There being no further business, commissioner Howell adjourned the meeting at 4:27 PM.

Attested on: _____

CAREN WHEELER, DISTRICT SECRETARY

BARRY G. ORTH, CHAIRPERSON

LARRY D. HOWELL, COMMISSIONER

LEWIS S. ROUSE, COMMISSIONER