



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

May 6, 2024

CALL REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Orth called the meeting to order **4:00 PM** at District #2, Station 210.

THOSE PRESENT:

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

GUESTS:

Bill Reed
Jack Derderian
Darrin Pettis
Ayden Decker
Grady O'Neil
Nicole Strasser
Ella Haddox
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 05-06-2024.
- Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 04-18-2024.

Commissioner Howell moved to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting dated May 6, 2024, and moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting dated April 18, 2024. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motions passed.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **05-13-2024, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 4:00 PM, STA 210,** [REDACTED]
- 06-01-2024, Chelan Conference
- 06-01-2024, Ki-Be Graduation, 9:30 AM
- **06-03-2024, 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 \$24,607.81,

Commissioner Howell moved to approve and pay Bill Vouchers in the amount of \$24,607.81. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *None.*

CITY OF BENTON CITY: *Bill Reed – Nothing New.*

CORRESPONDENCE: *None.*

FINANCIALS: *Financials up through March 2024.*

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Dennis Bates, Fire Chief

- I returned on the 22nd of last month. Everything was handled very well by Chief Dormaier and the staff in my absence.
- We completed an FLRA with DNR. This is to make sure we have access to aviation resources funded by HB1498.



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- Levy LID was officially filed with the County.
- Open House was on April 27th. We had good attendance and it seemed well received.
- Work continues on the dozer, transport truck and trailer. Completion expected prior to the Dozer training in June. We still have the BC1 dozer loaded for use in the meantime if needed. The grant we received should cover the trailer repair costs.
- We are still working with the region to set up a regional Type 4 team to support our overhead tone for large incidents. Working on who, from our agency, will be participating.
- EROC Training is coming up this month.
- On May 30th there will be a Staff Ride in the Silver Dollar / Rattle Snake area. This is to pass on tribal knowledge of local large fires from those who are retired, getting ready to retire and current command staff that will be working with to the next generation and our federal partners. Bob Gear is a guest speaker. We will have staff in attendance.
- I will be attending the County Emergency Preparedness Assessment meeting with BCES on June 12th. This is a meeting to help State and Local stakeholders assess risk, capabilities, and the potential need for support and resources during emergencies or disasters.
- We are working with our regional partners on the Radio communications project. AC Dormaier and I attended a meeting last week for tech demos and beginning work for identifying operational needs and building solutions.
- AC Dormaier is working on a grant for WL PPE & EQ.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- BCFPD#2 Association Update – *2 scholarship applications have been received.*
- Equipment – *None.*
- STA 210 Upgrades – *None.*
- PIO (Lt. Jack Derderian) – *Open house was a success. Drug Take Back also took place at the same time. Progress on the book is underway.*
- Safety (Captain Mike Meyer) – *None.*
- Conferences: Chelan Conference June 1, 2024
 - *Attendees: Orth, Howell, and Rouse*

FIRE Levy Lid Lift:

- Resolution submitted for Primary Election (*August 6, 2024*)

NEW BUSINESS: *None.*

PERSONNEL:

- District Secretary Out of State: May 15th through May 28th.

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 4:46 PM.

Attested on: _____

CAREN WHEELER, DISTRICT SECRETARY

BARRY G. ORTH, CHAIRPERSON

LARRY D. HOWELL, COMMISSIONER

LEWIS S. ROUSE, COMMISSIONER