



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

May 23, 2022

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**CALL REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER**

**Chairperson Orth** called the meeting to order **3:37 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  
John Derderian  
Jack Derderian

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 05-23-2022.
- Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 05-09-2022.

***Commissioner Howell moved to approve the agenda, for the Regular Board Meeting, dated May 23, 2022, and moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, dated May 9, 2022. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motions passed.***

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

- 05-30-22, HOLIDAY: Memorial Day, Office Closed
- 06-02-22, Chelan Conference, Chelan, WA
- 06-04-22, Ki-Be Graduation, 9:30 AM, Ki-Be High School Stadium
- **06-06-22, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 6:00 PM, STA 210**
- **06-20-22, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 3:30 PM, STA 210**

**VOUCHERS:**

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

Payroll Direct Deposit, in the amount of \$41,987.06;

Payroll Voucher, in the amount of \$34,415.35;

Bill Vouchers, in the amount of \$12,771.73;

*Grand Total of \$89,174.14*

***Commissioner Howell moved to approve and pay Payroll Direct Deposit, in the amount of \$ 41,987.06, Payroll Vouchers in the amount of \$ 34,415.35, and Bill Vouchers in the amount of \$ 12,771.73; for a Grand Total of \$ 89,174.14. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motions passed.***

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** *None.*

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Chelan Conference Topic
- Chelan Class and Hospitality Announcement



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FINANCIALS: Financials up through April 2022.

- Commissioner Rouse brought up a conversation from another entity about conferences and the cost of them. Chairperson Orth explained the entity did not secure their room and that they said the cost was too expensive. We are watching and if cost is too expensive, we have other options that would be cheaper such as an Airbnb.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: *Asst. Chief Dennis Bates*

- Water program is up and running. 2 missions already on the boat. Boat call sign is 1241. Sheriff opened up for all our personnel to ride with them and participate in their summer boat program.
- Took information to the city about the new rating from the WSRB. City is at 3 but County dropped to 4. About 41% of the City rating comes from the City of Benton City and they have been doing a great job to help keep that rate low.
- Chief Duncan is continuing to serve on the SECOMM board for restructuring system. A patch to fix current CAD system is being looked at and a possible rebuild to radio system structure.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- BCFPD#2 Association Update – *None*.
- Equipment – *None*.
- STA 210 Upgrades – *working on the server upgrade*.
- PIO / Safety (John Derderian & Jack Derderian) –
  - Working on Mailers for the Levy.
  - Podcast for levy and spring property clean up information. We go over general information about wildfire prep.
  - Safety: no exposure reports.
- Conferences:
  - Chelan Conference – June 4, 2022 (Rouse, Orth, Howell, Duncan, plus 2)
  - Fire Admin Conference – October 3-5, 2022, Richland, WA (Wheeler, Canada?)
  - State Conference – October 27, 2022, Spokane, WA (Orth, Howell, Rouse)

EMS Levy/EMS Lid Lift:

- Resolution submitted for Primary Election.
- Mailers: We will be sending out two Information Mailers to the public. Round one of mailers have been ordered and will be sent out that week. Round two will be ordered shortly and delivered same day as ballots.
- Spoke with association to support level and gave them Yard Sign information/rates.
- PIO's will be working with BC post card, we will roll out information on our website and Facebook.
- If the Commissioners need Asst. Chief Bates to meet with any citizen groups let him know.
- All members are up to speed on EMS Levy.

NEW BUSINESS: *None*.



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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 4:05 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