



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

April 18, 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
Todd Dormaier, Assistant Chief
Caren Wheeler, District Secretary

GUESTS:

Bill Reed
John Derderian
Darrin Pettis

ABSENT: Dennis Bates, Fire Chief

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: *None.*

AGENDA AND MINUTES:

- Approval of the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting dated 04-18-2024.
- Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 04-08-2024.

Commissioner Howell moved to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting dated April 18, 2024, and moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting dated April 8, 2024. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motions passed.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **04-25-2024, Happy 75th Birthday Fire District 2**
- 04-27-2024, Open House, STA 210, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- 04-27-2024, Drug Take Back, STA 210, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- **05-06-2024, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 4:00 PM, STA 210,**
- **05-13-2024, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 4:00 PM, STA 210,**

VOUCHERS:

The following Vouchers are approved for payment from Fund **6821-101**:

Payroll Direct Deposit, in the amount of \$49,513.95,

Payroll Voucher, in the amount of \$49,632.92,

Bill Vouchers, in the amount of \$22,493.97,

Grand Total of \$ 121,640.84

Commissioner Howell moved to approve and pay Payroll Direct Deposit, in the amount of \$49,513.95, Payroll Vouchers in the amount of \$49,632.92 and Bill Vouchers in the amount of \$22,493.97; for a Grand Total of \$ 121,640.84. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motions passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *None.*

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

CORRESPONDENCE: *None.*

FINANCIALS: *None.*



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FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: *Todd Dormaier, Assistant Chief*

- Delegation of Authority: Chief Bates will be back Monday April 22nd.
- Local fire went from Natural Cover Fire to a structure fire. 1 Shop and 5 outhouses.
- The Fish and Wildlife Agreement has been signed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- BCFPD#2 Association Update – *None*.
- Equipment – *None*.
- STA 210 Upgrades – *None*.
- PIO (Lt. Jack Derderian) – *None*.
- Safety (Captain Mike Meyer) – *None*.
- Conferences: Chelan Conference June 1, 2024
 - Attendees: *Orth, Howell, and Rouse*

FIRE Levy Lid Lift:

- Deadline to submit: May 3, 2024 – Primary Election (*August 6, 2024*)
- EXPLANATORY STATEMENT – 2024 Levy - If enacted, this proposition would authorize the District to increase its regular property tax levy to \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 assessed valuation in 2024 for 2025 collection; and authorize setting a limit factor of 8% above the prior year not exceeding \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 assessed valuation for each of the five succeeding years for fire protection. The 2029 maximum allowable levy for 2030 collection shall serve as the base for subsequent levy limitations provided in RCW 84.55. This would enable the District to continue maintaining and adequately funding District fire operations.
- Adopt RESOLUTION 2024-02 – Replacement Fire Levy

Commissioner Howell moved to adopt Resolution 2024-02 – Replacement Fire Levy, Resolution providing for the submission of renewal of Fire Levy. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motion passed.

- Consider the appointment with the PRO and CON committees relating to the Ballot measure. Per the requirements for a Pro and Con committee relating to the ballot measure.
 - Pro Committee appoints: Steve Zets, Shane Swiger and Bob Greenlees
 - Con Committee appoints: *None received.*

NEW BUSINESS: *None.*

PERSONNEL: *None.*

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: *None.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION: No Executive session was held. District Secretary clarified what action was there from previous Executive Session on 04-08-24. Performance review of Assistant Fire Chief requested a 11% increase to salary starting on anniversary date of April 17, 2024.

Commissioner Howell moved to approve the salary increase of 11% for Assistant Fire Chief Todd Dormaier starting on the anniversary date of April 17, 2024. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motion passed.



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ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Rouse moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Rouse seconded. There being no further business, Commissioner Howell adjourned the meeting at 4:17 PM.

Attested on: _____

CAREN WHEELER, DISTRICT SECRETARY

BARRY G. ORTH, CHAIRPERSON

LARRY D. HOWELL, COMMISSIONER

LEWIS S. ROUSE, COMMISSIONER