



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

July 7, 2026

3CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Orth called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Benton County Fire District #2 meeting to order at 4:00 PM at 1304 Dale Avenue, Benton City, Washington.

THOSE PRESENT

Chairperson Orth, Commissioner Howell, Commissioner Rouse, Chief Dormaier, Financial officer Canada.

Staff Members' Present: Captain Guerin, Captain Meyer, Volunteer Dunbar, EMT Reed.

Guests: Jeannie Howell, City of Benton City Representative Jerod Miller

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

Financial Review – Review of revenue and expenditures reports/vouchers presented for approval.

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been distributed to each member of the Board for reading and study. These matters are considered to be routine and will be considered or enacted by one motion of the Board with no separate discussion. However, if any member of the Board desires separate discussion on a specific item, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda by request.

- Agenda: **Approve agenda dated July 7, 2026.**
- Minutes: **Approve minutes of the Regular Board Meeting dated June 16, 2026.**
- Claim Vouchers (Fund 6821)
 - **Approve Bill vouchers in the amount of \$ 31,089.33**

Commissioner Howell moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Rouse seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **07-21-2026, B2 Fire COMM Meeting, 4:00 PM, STA 210, Tuesday**
- **08-04-2026, B2 Fire COMM Meeting, 4:00 PM, STA 210, Tuesday**

CONFERENCES

- October 4-8, 2026, **Fire Admin Conference** (Suquamish, WA)
 - Attending: Wheeler, Canada (?)
- October 21-24, 2026, **WFCA State Conference** (Spokane, WA)
 - Attending: Orth, Howell, Rouse, Bates

CORRESPONDENCE – None.

FINANCIALS (Financial Officer)

- District Financial Report: as of 05/31/2026

General Fund 6821	\$600,296.10
EMS Fund 6828	\$2,148,562.84
Reserve Fund 6826	\$74,898.56
Total General Fund	\$2,823,757.50
Bond Fund 6822	\$97,382.52
Total ALL Funds	\$2,921,140.02



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

July 7, 2026

-
- Budget Position Report: as of 06/30/2026.

RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS – *None.*

REPORTS

- Fire Chief Bates – *Presented by Assistant Chief Dormaier*
 - Chief Bates was expected to return the following day, and Caren was on vacation through July 20. Appreciation was expressed to Assistant Chief Dormaier and Shellie for assisting with daily operations during their absence.
 - The District's Fourth of July activities were highly successful. Personnel participated in numerous community events, including the flag raising ceremony, parade, and community barbecue. Appreciation was extended to all members, families, and Rehab personnel who assisted with planning, food preparation, setup, and cleanup.
 - District personnel were recognized for their efforts during a period of increased wildland fire activity and call volume. Crews responded to more than 30 calls for service on the Fourth of July while continuing to support wildfire operations. Assistant Chief Dormaier and Lt. McGhan coordinated operations throughout the holiday.
 - Work continues on the regional radio project. Progress is being made through collaboration with partner agencies to improve regional communications capabilities.
 - The District continues working with the City on fuels reduction and property cleanup efforts. Future goals include implementing mitigation activities earlier in the season and expanding Firewise program outreach.
 - Concerns submitted by a neighboring property owner regarding station operations were reviewed and addressed. Staff will continue to be mindful of neighboring properties while conducting required training and operational activities.
 - Commissioners were advised that Assistant Chief Dormaier will coordinate updates to Board uniforms, including replacement uniform items as needed.
- Asst Chief Dormaier/PIO – *Nothing additional to report.*
- Training Cpt. Kale Guerin – Training update.
- Safety Cpt. Mike Meyer, HSO – Nothing to report.
- B2 Association – *None.*

CITY OF BENTON CITY – *Jerod Miller provided an update on current City business and ongoing activities.*

NEW BUSINESS

- ***Benton 2 Annual Financial Report for 2025***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – *None.*

BVFF – *None.*

PERSONNEL

- *District Admin out of country 07-03-26 through 07-17-26.*

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING – *There were no agenda items to add to the next meeting.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION – *None.*



BENTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 7, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Rouse moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Howell seconded. There being no further business, Chairperson Orth adjourned the meeting at 4:28 PM.

Attested on July 21, 2026.

/s/ Caren Wheeler

CAREN WHEELER, DISTRICT SECRETARY

/s/ Barry Orth

BARRY G. ORTH, CHAIRPERSON

/s/ Larry Howell

LARRY D. HOWELL, COMMISSIONER

/s/ Steve Rouse

LEWIS S. ROUSE, COMMISSIONER