



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

August 11, 2025

CALL THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Orth called the meeting to order at **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:

B. Mooney Jeannie Howell
E. Fernadez D. Pettis
N. Strasser M. Meyer
G. O'Neil

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 08-11-2025.
- Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 07-17-2025.

Commissioner Howell moved to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting dated August 11, 2025, and moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting dated July 17, 2025. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motion passed.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **08-21-2025, B2 Fire COMM Meeting, 4:00 PM, STA 210, Thursday**
- 08-26-2025, Ki-Be School Starts
- 09-01-2025, HOLIDAY: Labor Day, Office Closed
- **09-08-2025, B2 Fire COMM 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 \\$132,729.32.](#)

Commissioner Rouse moved to approve and pay Bill Vouchers in the amount of \$132,729.32. Commissioner Howell seconded, and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *None.*

CITY OF BENTON CITY: *None.*

CORRESPONDENCE: *None.*

FINANCIALS: *None.*

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

- National Night Out was a Hit! We ran out of Pub Ed materials, spoke to many folks interested in Volunteering and Residents. Awesome water fight!!!



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- B1241 – Boat: Sent the partial proof of property loss to the insurance. Should have the 70K check to put down on the new boat shortly. AC Dormaier, Captain Reed and I are setting down this Wednesday to work on the Boat replacement.
 - Staffing - Testing of several Volunteer and Resident candidates went well. We will be onboarding shortly and will have them ready for Recruit school in September.
 - Chief Dormaier, E1254 and Lt McGhan are back from Mobe Assignment. All went well.
 - Captain Pettis and the Shop is cranking out Services on apparatus. The Next Project in the shop on the Books is the New Staff Truck. Everything is on order and should be here when it hits the shop to be upfit.
 - Seasonal positions are up and going and doing well.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Asst Chief Dormaier/PIO – *None*.
- Training (Cpt. Kale Guerin) – *None*.
- Safety (Cpt. Mike Meyer) – *None*.
- BCFPD#2 Association – *None*.
- Conferences:
 - WA Fire Admin Conference, September 29, 2025 (Wenatchee, WA)
 - *Attending: Canada, Wheeler*
 - WFCA State Conference, October 22, 2025, (Tulalip, WA)
 - *Attending: Orth, Howell*

NEW BUSINESS:

- GEMT SFY 2025 – Data collection underway.

DISTRICT PLANNING MEETING (5-year plan):

- Workshop Date: September 24 at 9:00 AM

2026 BUDGET:

- Workshop Date: October 9 at 9:00 AM

ANNUAL REPORT:

- Complete Report Available.

BVFF: *None*.

FRAUD: Revolving Account: Will start the process of opening a new account this month.

- Transactions:
 - *ACH charge \$9,600, 3/24/25 – has been refunded back to District.*
 - *Check 5377 \$4,050, 3/24/25 – only \$180.08 has been refunded. Key Bank currently says that this is all they can get back.*



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o *Check 5301 \$3,500, 3/28/25 – has been refunded back to District.*

- BSCO Case No: **BCSO25008435** – *Detective Rodrick*
- WA State Auditor: **Fraud Case No: F-25-153.**

PERSONNEL: *None.*

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE 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 4:19 PM.

Attested on: _____

CAREN WHEELER, DISTRICT SECRETARY

BARRY G. ORTH, CHAIRPERSON

LARRY D. HOWELL, COMMISSIONER

LEWIS S. ROUSE, COMMISSIONER