



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

March 10, 2025

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CALL THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER

**Chairperson Orth** called the meeting to order at **4:02 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:

Cpt. Mike Meyers Jeannie Howell  
FF Taylor FF Decker  
FF Tupper FF Hansen  
FF Flagg

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 03-10-2025.
- Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 02-20-2025.

***Commissioner Howell moved to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting dated March 10, 2025, and moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting dated February 20, 2025. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motions passed.***

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **03-20-2025, B2 Fire COMM Meeting, 4:00 PM, STA 210, Thursday**
- **03-22-2025, B2 Appreciation Dinner, 5:00 PM, Xavier Cabrini Center**
- **04-07-2025, 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 \$71,341.49

***Commissioner Howell moved to approve and pay approve and pay Bill Vouchers in the amount of \$71,341.49. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motion passed.***

PUBLIC COMMENT: *None.*

CITY OF BENTON CITY: *None.*



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CORRESPONDENCE: *None.*

FINANCIALS: *None.*

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

- I want to acknowledge the BC2 Stair Climb Team! They not only met their team goal of \$3,500, but they beat it! The proceeds go to the leukemia & lymphoma society, a very worthy cause! They also made us very proud with an excellent showing, turning in impressive times, and they took on something very special and near and dear to us within our Fire Family. They Climbed in Honor of the McKenna Family and carried them up 69 Floors, 1,356 Steps, 788' in elevation, all 6 Team members! WAY TO GO TEAM! Nicole Strasser (team captain), Aiden Decker, Diana, Salas, Austin Fox, Justin Hansen, Joe Rivera, Dylan Blair.
- 4th revision for the BCES ILA was approved by this board last meeting. They still have not sent around the E-sign doc. We will contact the Chair when it is ready.
- I met with Scout Clean Energy (windmill folks) and BC5 at the request of Chief Hawley. It was a Meet-and-Greet with the Project Manager. There will be more meetings and more info to come. The project is in the final stages of approval permitting and this will determine if it is still feasible once they comply with the regulations set forth. They have a hawk holding them off the ridge and it will also decrease the number of turbines. If feasibility pans out, permitting is approved and all lines up, it would be a while before the project would kick off. It was nice that they are receptive to the needs and impacts to emergency services and they already in planning for that as part of feasibility. More to come as it is available.
- Ki-Be Market has sold. The Loftens are retiring. It was acquired by the Harvest foods / leprechaun group from up the valley. It sounds like the new owners are good folks and that there is not currently any major change to the operation. I would like to thank the Loftens for their excellent Community support over the years and wish them a happy retirement!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- BCFPD#2 Association Update – *None.*
- STA 210 Upgrades/Equipment – *Shop Tire Machine*



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- Asst Chief Dormaier/PIO – *None.*
- Training (Cpt. Kale Guerin) – *None.*
- Safety (Cpt. Mike Meyer) – *Injuries - 0. Equipment Insurance Claims -1*
- Conferences: *Chelan Conference: June 7, 2025*
  - *Attendees: Rouse, Howell, Bates, Dormaier, Wheeler*
  - *Not attending: Orth*

NEW BUSINESS: *None.*

GADCS: *Ground Medical Transportation State Required Survey*

- Survey: Due 02/28/2025
  - Survey completed and submitted 2/26/25.

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 4:29 PM.***

Attested on: \_\_\_\_\_

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CAREN 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