



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

September 8, 2025

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CALL THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER

**Chairperson Orth** called the meeting to order at **4:04 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:

M. Meyer     Z. France  
S. Hawley    Z. Thomas  
N. Strasser   J. Mudd  
A. Fox  
D. Tupper

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 09-08-2025.
- Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 08-21-2025.

***Commissioner Howell moved to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting dated September 8, 2025, and moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting dated August 21, 2025. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motion passed.***

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **09-18-2025, B2 Fire COMM Meeting, 4:00 PM, STA 210, Thursday**
- **09-24-2025, B2 District Planning Meeting, 9:00 AM, STA 210**
- **10-06-2025, B2 Fire COMM Meeting, 4:00 PM, STA 210, Monday**
- **10-09-2025, B2 Budget Workshop, 9:00 AM, STA 210**

VOUCHERS:

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

Bill Vouchers, in the amount of \$ 40,095.25,

***Commissioner Rouse moved to approve and pay Bill Vouchers in the amount of \$40,095.25. Commissioner Howell seconded, and the motion passed.***

PUBLIC COMMENT: *None.*

CITY OF BENTON CITY: *None.*

CORRESPONDENCE: *None.*

FINANCIALS: *None.*

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Boat (B1241) Got the 70K check for the boat 9K for the equipment. Captain Reed and I went to SJX last Thursday. We confirmed on the trip that we will need to purchase their trailer as ours will not work, the boats that they produce are far superior to the one we had, and they have a couple options we are exploring that could get us a boat well sooner than



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2 years (the stated build time/wait) As well as a savings. Chief Dormaier and Captain Reed will be working on this while I am on vacation. I am asking for the approval of the board to issue a check to SXJ for deposit on a boat. This will place a hold on one of the options and/or secure our place in line for the building of a new boat.

- Staffing- On-boarded 10, a few more in process. 10 in TCRA. Internal academy is also underway.
- Chief Dormaier and Lt McGhan are back out on Mobe Assignment. Expected back next week.
- BC Daze is this weekend. Staffing is light due to a conflict with the TCRA Hands-on day on Saturday. Should be able to field trucks/Apparatuses for the parade and have crews available here for calls.
- I will be on vacation from 9/10/25 till 9/23/25. Chief Dormaier and Captain Guerin will have the Delegation. Captain Pettis is on vacation and has the maintenance conference.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Asst Chief Dormaier/PIO – *None*.
- Training (Cpt. Kale Guerin) – *None*.
- Safety (Cpt. Mike Meyer) – Nothing to report.
- 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

BVFF:

- BVFF Invoice Voucher list dated 09/08/25. (*separate sheet*)

**Commissioner Rouse moved to accept and submit for Payment BVFF Invoices on Vouchers List dated 09/08/25. Commissioner Howell seconded, and the motion passed**

PERSONNEL: *Introduced new Volunteers: Zac France, Zac Thomas, Justin Mudd.*

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING: *None.*



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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