BENTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2024

CALL REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Orth called the meeting to order **4:03 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
Jack Derderian
Joe Rivera
Wyatt Flagg
Kale Guerin
Ella Haddox
Ayden Decker
Emmauel Fernandez
Nicole Strasser

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 03-21-2024.
- Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 03-04-2024.

Commissioner Howell moved to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting dated March 21, 2024, and moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting dated March 4, 2024. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motions passed.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **03-23-2024, Appreciation Dinner, Catholic Hall, 6:00 PM**
- 03-31-2024, Holiday – Easter
- **04-08-2024, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, 4:00 PM, STA 210, Monday**
- **04-18-2024, B2 Commissioners' Meeting, STA 210,**

VOUCHERS:

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

Payroll Direct Deposit, in the amount of $47,898.34,
Payroll Voucher, in the amount of $39,052.53,
Bill Vouchers, in the amount of $29,147.91,

Grand Total of $116,098.78

Commissioner Howell moved to approve and pay Payroll Direct Deposit, in the amount of $47,898.34, Payroll Vouchers in the amount of $39,052.53 and Bill Vouchers in the amount of $29,147.91; for a Grand Total of $ 116,098.78. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motions passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *None.*

CITY OF BENTON CITY: *Bill Reed*

- Benton City is bringing on a contract position. Public Works Director.
- Flood plan Map from FEMA – New flood plan guidelines from the federal government. City will be having a public meeting to get the information out to city residents before Council votes on plan.

CORRESPONDENCE: *None.*

FINANCIALS: Financials up through February 2024.

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

- Appreciation Dinner is March 23rd. Benton County 4 will be providing a Type 1 / crew for standby during the dinner. We will return the favor for their dinner next month.
- SAO (Audit Company) contract is back from legal, and we worked through the changes with SAO. Will be signing and sending back once we get the "clean copy".
- 2 new Residents started this week. They are currently in EMT training and going through our internal academy. They are on 40 hours a week for 7 weeks until they are shift eligible.
- Working on the USFWS contract with the District Chiefs. Should be done and signed the 1st of next month.
- Moving ahead with having our Open House on April 27th.
- Will be working with Legal to prepare the paperwork to get the Levy on the ballot. 5/3/24 is the deadline for August and 8/6/24 for November. The plan is to have it passed so will not have to run it a second time.
- Work on the dozer, transport truck and trailer are moving along on schedule. Completion expected prior to the Dozer training in May. We still have the Benton County 1 dozer loaded for use in the meantime if needed.
- We have a special station tour coming this Monday. A gentleman named Jon that resides in our community. He has had interactions with our crews due to medical issues in the past. He Is doing well and wanted to come meet us and say hi and see fire trucks of course. He would also like to become a firefighter one day. We hope to give him a firefighter bag with a fire helmet and badge. Should be a great visit.
- Working with the region to set up a regional Type 4 team to support our overhead tone for large incidents. It is to get the needed overhead staff to the large incidents in our area faster, trying to front load it for a better outcome. Agencies will have qualified members "rostered" similar to our Duty Chief rotation. Will be working thru that with the Officers next week at our meeting.
- The Board Chair will need to sign the ILA for BCES. The BCES Board needs it back next week for their meeting to move forward. This is not a "New" ILA so it will not need a resolution. This is a minor re-wright.
- The BCES amended and restated the interlocal agreement. It is finished and headed to the BCES Board on 3/6/24 in their special meeting. Once adopted it will be brought to the legislative authority for each member agency before the end of March. This enables Benton & Franklin counties and the 3 cities to continue dispatch and have a 1 consolidated microwave system to operate our communications on. This is also groundwork for consolidation of BCES & SECOMM. This also establishes a Capital fund to support the system that was not in place previously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- BCFPD#2 Association Update – *None.*
- Equipment – *None.*
- STA 210 Upgrades – *None.*
- PIO (Lt. Jack Derderian) – We will be putting information out about the levy once we get the information. Working on the details for the Open House April 27th.
- Safety (Captain Mike Meyer) – *None.*
    - Conferences: Chelan Conference June 1, 2024
        - Attendees:

NEW BUSINESS:

- Sign - THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR BENTON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES

Commissioner Howell motion to approve signing Third Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement for Benton County Emergency Services. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motion passed.

PERSONNEL:

- New residents – Ella Haddox and Ayden Decker

AGENDA ITEMS FOR 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 4:38 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