



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

June 19, 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*
Steve Rouse, *Commissioner*
Dennis Bates, *Fire Chief*
Todd Dormaier, *Assistant Chief*
Caren Wheeler, *District Secretary*

GUESTS:

G. O'Neil
B. Mooney
M. Everitt
J. Hansen
B. Taylor

ABSENT: Larry Howell, *Commissioner*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: *None.*

AGENDA AND MINUTES:

- Approval of the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting dated 06-19-2025.
- Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 06-09-2025.

Chairperson Orth moved to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting dated June 19, 2025, and moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting dated June 9, 2025. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motion passed.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **07-04-2025, HOLIDAY: Fourth of July, Office Closed**
- 07-04-2025, B2 Family 4th of July Event, 5:00 PM, STA 210
- **07-07-2025, B2 Fire COMM Meeting, 4:00 PM, STA 210, Monday**
- **07-17-2025, B2 Fire COMM Meeting, 4:00 PM, STA 210, Thursday**

VOUCHERS:

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

[Payroll Direct Deposit](#), in the amount of \$ 61,694.36,

[Payroll Voucher](#), in the amount of \$ 43,563.64,

[Bill Vouchers](#), in the amount of \$ 85,549.42,

[Grand Total of \\$ 190,807.42.](#)

Commissioner Rouse moved to approve and pay Payroll Direct Deposit, in the amount of \$61,694.36, Payroll Vouchers in the amount of \$43,563.64, and Bill Vouchers in the amount of \$85,549.42; for a Grand Total of \$190,807.42. Chairperson Orth seconded, and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *None.*

CITY OF BENTON CITY: *None.*

CORRESPONDENCE: *None.*

FINANCIALS: ***Financials up through May 2025.***



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FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

- My Vacation went well. The District during that time was hit with abnormally high demands for service. Crews handled it well, but we were somewhat short staffed. Thank you to AC Dormaier for covering my absence.
- Annual Dozer Training happened June 2 at Shooting range and on the 13th & 14th on the McWhorter Ranch. The had a few minor setbacks but training was conducted and most of the Lines were put in place. We again had BC1, DNR from the west side and ours. We will be completing the lines next week.
- The 800mhz radio project is moving forward. Reps came and took stock of the needs for install in our apparatus. We will be placing the new 800 radios in our new duty rig.
- The new Duty Rig came in. It will replace the Duty Chief Truck. The old DC rig (that just got a new engine) will cycle down.
- Still working on the boat replacement. I turned in the last of the required documentation (hopefully) to the insurance today. We should also hear from Chief Harris on the lessons learned paper from the incident. That will spur the revamp of our water program that will be led by Captain Reed and Chief Dormaier. We will also be following back up with BCSD once we have things lined out.
- 210 upgrades are underway. The remodel on the day room and new furniture should be done before the weekend if we can get the "paint situation" handled. The Kitchen is next.
- We are continuing the excess process. AC Dormaier is selling off everything that isn't bolted down in an effort decrease our clutter and recoup any monies to put toward needed equipment.
- We will be down 2 residents shortly. 1 is moving to Volunteer and taking a local job and the other is going into the Navy. We have several in the hopper to replenish the program and several more volunteers as well. They should be clear of testing and background shortly.
- Seasonal positions started yesterday. They are working a "unique shift" that is from 1300 to 2200. This is peak burn time for Wildland season. The shifts also overlap on Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday.

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*



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NEW BUSINESS:

- District Planning Meeting (5-year plan) Dates:
 - Date Choices: SEP 22, 23, 24, 25, OCT 2
- Budget Workshop Dates:
 - Dates Choices: OCT 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 27, 28, 29, 30
- Adopt Resolution 2025-02, Declaring Miscellaneous Personal Property Surplus to the Needs of the District for Disposal.

Chairperson Orth moved to Adopt Resolution 2025-02 Declaring Miscellaneous Personal Property Surplus to the Needs of the District for Disposal. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motion passed.

ANNUAL REPORT: State Annual Report for 2024: *Due May 31, 2025.*

- *Will submit final report at 07/07/25 commissioners meeting.*

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. Connecting with Key Bank to see why.***
 - *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:

- *Excuse Commissioner Howell from the Commissioners' Meeting dated 06-19-2025.*

Chairperson Orth moved excuse Commissioner Howell from the Commissioners' Meeting dated June 19, 2025. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motion passed.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING: *None.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *None.*



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ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Orth moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Rouse seconded. There being no further business, Chairperson Orth adjourned the meeting at 4:50 PM.

Attested on: _____

CAREN WHEELER, DISTRICT SECRETARY

BARRY G. ORTH, CHAIRPERSON

LARRY D. HOWELL, COMMISSIONER

LEWIS S. ROUSE, COMMISSIONER