BENTON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

August 21, 2025

CALL THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Orth called the meeting to order at **4:03 PM** at District 2, Station 210.

THOSE PRESENT:

Barry Orth, *Chairperson*
Larry Howell, *Commissioner*
Steve Rouse, *Commissioner*
Dennis Bates, *Fire Chief*
Todd Dormaier, *Assistant Chief*
Caren Wheeler, *District Secretary*

GUESTS:

K. Guerin
M. Everitt
R. Bahr
S. Harpel
Jeannie Howell
M. Meyer

ABSENT: *None.*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: *None.*

AGENDA AND MINUTES:

- Approval of the Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting dated 08-21-2025.
- Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated 08-11-2025.

Commissioner Howell moved to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting dated August 21, 2025, and moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting dated August 11, 2025. Commissioner Rouse seconded, and the motion passed.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 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**
- **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**

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

Payroll Direct Deposit, in the amount of $ 72,910.81,
Payroll Voucher, in the amount of $ 52,763.04,
Bill Vouchers, in the amount of $ 20,993.63,

Grand Total of $ 146,667.48.

Commissioner Rouse moved to approve and pay Payroll Direct Deposit, in the amount of 72,910.81, Payroll Vouchers in the amount of $52,763.04, and Bill Vouchers in the amount of $20,993.63; for a Grand Total of $146,667.48. Commissioner Howell seconded, and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *None.*

CITY OF BENTON CITY: *None.*

CORRESPONDENCE: Fraud finding email from BCSO.

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

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

- Meeting with the City about traffic issue information.
- We are working on a sidewalk State grant.
- Currently in a hiring process for up to 11 more volunteers.
- Station getting Monitor upgrades in both the bay and the kitchen with first arriving alert information and new TV/Monitors

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Asst Chief Dormaier/PIO –
  - Will be leaving for Idaho to see the building process and get a tour of facilities.
  - APP 1- transmission is out so we are looking to surplus it. Looking to DNR to put in a request for a command Apparatus.
  - Station Facilities repairs and maintenance are underway.
  - We are looking forward to bringing new volunteers on starting September 1.
- Training (Cpt. Kale Guerin) – *None.*
- Safety (Cpt. Mike Meyer) – One person on light duty, Nothing else 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: *None.*

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 5:04 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