

Benton Amateur Radio Society
Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2025

The Benton Amateur Radio Society met Sunday, October 5, 2025 at the Bauxite City Hall. There were 15 members and 1 guest present.

President James, KI5FGS called the meeting to order at 2:34 P.M. This was followed by Secretary/Treasurer Alli, K5ALI, reading the minutes from the August 3, 2025 meeting and the current Treasurer's report. A motion was made by Bill, K5RAR, and seconded by Jackie, WB5ARI, to accept both as read. The motion passed.

Old Business:

James, KI5FGS, asked Larry, WD5C, if any new information regarding Field Day results has been released. Unfortunately, no. The official results are expected to be released in November or December.

James, KI5FGS, brought up the idea of a club banner again as more members were present at this meeting, but mentioned he had not yet secured additional quotes and suggested the topic be tabled until later.

New Business:

KI5FGS, President James, also mentioned that the ARRL is lobbying for legislation that offers the same protections to ham radio operators, and more specifically their antennas, as individuals with flagpoles and TV antennas receive. Currently, HOAs can prohibit permanent antenna structures, severely limiting ham radio operations within their boundaries. James also provided the web address to a form you can fill out for the ARRL showing support for this initiative. You need not be a member to submit the form.

WD5C reported that the Board of Directors met on September 24, 2025 to discuss and select their proposed slate of officers for the 2026 calendar year. The following individuals agreed to accept their nominations: James, KI5FGS, for President, Joe, N1LUG, for Vice President, Alli, K5ALI, for Secretary/Treasurer, Larry, WD5C, for Board Position #3, and Bill, N5HQ, for Board Position #5. There were no additional nominations from the floor. The minutes from this meeting are attached.

James, KI5FGS, mentioned that he is looking forward to the future of the club, and challenged members to think about where they might like the club to go in the future. Historically, we have focused primarily on Field Day and socializing, and James expressed that we might consider expanding our community presence.

KI5FGS, James, reminded everyone that the next meeting in December is our Christmas Party, and that family and friends are welcome to attend.

Peg, K5BKT, says that she heard a rumor that Benton's "Old Fashioned Day" might be moving to a day in November beginning in 2026, and mentioned that might be a great place for us to set up a table or two to promote the club and the hobby.

Joe, N1LUG, asked the group if anyone would be interested in "official" BARS shirts or hats. He pointed out that if we are wearing identifying logo-wear that we might be better-received by the public. He also mentioned that it would enable people to tell us apart from other people at an event. The idea was well-received, and some suggestions on style and design were offered from the floor. The topic was tabled until later, quite possibly until the February 2026 meeting, as we generally keep the December business meetings short so everyone can enjoy the party.

Peg, K5BKT, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jackie, WB5ARI, seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alli Porterfield, K5ALI

Secretary/Treasurer