



# BLACK BUTTE RANCH R.F.P.D.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 26, 2019

*Rodger Gabrielson called the meeting to order at 09:02 a.m.*

### **Board of Directors:**

- ✓ Don Bowler
- ✓ Rodger Gabrielson
- ✓ Dave Gibson
- ✓ Tom Sawyer
- Larry Stuker

### **Administration:**

- ✓ Chief Dan Tucker
- ✓ Deputy Chief Dave Phillips
- ✓ Jamie Vohs

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** Don Bowler moved to accept the August 22, 2019 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Tom Sawyer, unanimously passed.

### **REPORTS**

#### **Treasurer Report**

**Motion:** Don Bowler moved to accept the August 2019 financial reports as presented, seconded by Tom Sawyer, unanimously passed.

#### **Chief's Report**

##### **Fire and Ambulance Report – Deputy Chief Phillips**

August 2019 the department responded to the following:

- 55 total calls
- 6 fire
- 40 medical
- 10 transport
- 2 move-ups
- 7 public assist
- 15 mutual aids
- Year to date calls 230

#### **Chief Tucker discussed:**

Chief Tucker acknowledged the Resident Volunteers from Black Butte Ranch RFPD and Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire on recently graduating from their Firefighter Recruit Academy. An article of the graduation was reported in The Nugget Newspaper.

The Bend Broadband/TDS Baja settlement has been determined. The department received \$8382.78 in deferred taxes from 2017 and 2018.

Chief reported that a Civil Service Meeting recently took place. It was determined (after legal review) that the current firefighter list is not valid and that the department may go through the process to create a new list.

Chief discussed the importance of being able to give mutual aid to neighboring departments. Due to the lack of call volume for the department, being able to respond to mutual aid calls allows for our staff to continue gaining hands on experience. The number of mutual aid calls given is being monitored by the Fire Chiefs. If both Black Butte Ranch RFPD and Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire respond to a call, Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire will most likely be the transporting agency unless a second ambulance is needed for transporting. We ask Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire to be able to respond on some of their calls which allows us a low cost way of getting hands on experience.

There will be some changes with the purchasing of medical supplies/drugs in the near future. It may be cost saving to purchase medical supplies/drugs from Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire to avoid disposal of expired drugs.

The propane tank project is near completion. The old tank was not in a good location and required it to be relocated requiring a new pad and fence. There is some drainage issues in the new area however the problem will be easily mitigated.

### **President's Report**

Rodger confirmed that D/C Phillips is going to speak to Black Butte Ranch BOD's November 15, 2019 regarding his experience with visiting Paradise, CA and future forest fuels treatment plans. D/C Phillips also confirmed that he went out and took pictures of the 500 road area and forwarded those pictures to Larae so she could have a visual of what the board was referring to at the August 22, 2019 board meeting. D/C Phillips impression of the 500 road area is that the left side is clear and the right side has a small amount of brush on it.

Chief Tucker and D/C Phillips recently attended a CWPP meeting in which part of the process was to identify those areas of concern (like the 500 road). The sentiment of the board is to make sure that the Fire Chiefs are carrying the case forward aggressively to the Forest Service. Rodger realizes that is a role the Fire Chiefs don't like to play but it is time to start to thinking a little broader policy wise with fuels mitigation near Black Butte Ranch. D/C Phillips reiterated the desire to have the 500 road area look better. The Forest Service understands the desire to provide buffers around the Ranch.

One main purpose of the CWPP meeting is to plan/provide a 5 year update which should be done by mid-October. There will be a community meeting somewhere in Sisters regarding the CWPP plan. The updated plan will include plans for around the Ranch. D/C Phillips would like to get a draft to the BOD's prior to the meeting.

The Ranch BOD will be meeting on Friday, September 27, 2019 and one of their agenda items is *DEQ Aspects of the Burner Box*. Rodger wanted to confirm with Chief Tucker the process of who can issue a permit for a burn. A permit for a burn is co-decided upon by the Fire Chief and Ben Duda. If burning is done in Section 5, it is more related to ODF and

therefore a permit from ODF is needed. Chief Tucker confirmed that ODF is in support of the burn box out in Section 5.

What is happening on Friday, September 27, 2019 is that a representative from the DEQ is going to tour the facility at which the burn box is located then come and update the board on where they are at in that process. The DEQ is realizing that there are many burn boxes showing up in the state and so they are having to accept them and make them work versus try to deny them and hold them off. It is accurate to say the BBR Fire Department has inspected the burn box and have watched it operate. Section 5 has enough fire protection, until the Fire Department gets there, with a trailer cannon and enough hose to connect to a hydrant.

Rodger inquired about “tuition and books” which is represented on the Purchases Journal. He wanted Admin to be aware of the Oregon Promise Grant that is offered to those who qualify. Jamie informed the board that a few of the students are currently receiving the Oregon Promise Grant and that that portion is factored in when students receive their tuition and book reimbursements.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Contract Request T14 R9 Sec 5 TL 200 & 201 – Draft Contract – Update**

No new information to report.

#### **PERS – Senate Bill 1049 & Employer Incentive Fund – Updates**

Chief Tucker reported that a portion of SB 1049 is being appealed. Jamie confirmed with PERS that the department would be required to pay the employer share of PERS for those retired employees working back under the exception effective January 1, 2020. A payment to PERS in the amount of \$250,000 will be made to the Employer Incentive Fund (EIF) once the re-evaluation has been completed.

#### **Nathan Garibay (DCSO Emergency Manager) – Moved to October 24th**

A meeting has been scheduled on October 4th to discuss evacuation plans and to provide more input into the CWPP. It is really a Sisters area evacuation meeting. Black Butte Ranch Police have been invited to this meeting. D/C Phillips asked about inviting Jay Head to this meeting in which Nathan agreed to have him there. D/C Phillips is going to confirm with Nathan if the meeting on the 4th is open to the public.

Rodger inquired if Nathan will provide input to the Ranch on protocol for sheltering in place or is it the Ranch’s responsibility to develop this. D/C Phillips responded by stating in looking at the Ranch’s plan and Oregon’s plan, some of the things that will be talked about are strategies of when to set evacuation priority levels and also areas of refuge i.e. when you can pull your vehicles into the driving range and turn the sprinkler system on. The plan will include big picture stuff like traffic flow.

Tom inquired if Nathan Garibay is the person to champion getting the back road/Graham Corral Road paved. D/C Phillips has brought this road up to Nathan Garibay and one of the County Commissioners to at least entertain having a discussion with the Ranch, the County and the Feds about if there is a need for that road as an evacuation route. If there is, what does that look like, paving the road, chip sealing it, widening it?

Sunriver has started offering downloadable maps and is encouraging guest and homeowners to download Everbridge.

D/C Phillips wants to make sure the Ranch has technology available that is downloadable but it is going to take work by:

1. Political power by trying to get google to come in and do a really good drive of the Ranch's roads.
2. Guest services and marketing to come up for uses for it other than emergencies so it can be used year round.
3. Work with the Fire Department to be able to use the geolocation map to be able to distribute to vacationers and homeowners.

The current evacuation plan is outdated. The 1,2,3 is not matching up with the overall state plan. The 1,2,3 is still valid it is just the definitions under the 1,2,3 that are not matching up with the overall site plan. Need to come into alignment with that.

The board inquired who makes the decision to go from 1 to 2 and then to 3. Chief Tucker stated it is very much a communal decision and made at the morning meetings. They also base it off the information that is received from Fire Behavior Analyst and local knowledge.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Levy Results**

The local option levy passed with GREAT results. Chief Tucker thanked the board for all their hard work on calling and educating constituents.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

#### **Christmas – Awards Banquet: Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 ???**

The Board would like to see the awards banquet on December 12 or December 19th. Jamie will inquire with the Ranch on date availability.

#### **Tree Amigos Award**

D/C Phillips presented Dave Gibson with a plaque from Jody with Project Wildfire for the work the Tree Amigos have done on the Ranch.

### **NEXT MEETING DATES**

Board Meeting October 24th, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Board meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.*

### **OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Approved by Don Bowler

Tom Sawyer

Date: October 24, 2019