



BLACK BUTTE RANCH R.F.P.D.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 24, 2019

Dave Gibson called the meeting to order at 09:06 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

Guest:

- ✓ Nathan Garibay

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Don Bowler moved to accept the September 26, 2019 meeting minutes with three minor corrections, seconded by Tom Sawyer, unanimously passed.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report

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

Chief's Report

Fire and Ambulance Report – Chief Tucker

September 2019 the department responded to the following:

- 28 total calls
- 1 fire
- 15 medical
- 6 transport
- 6 move-ups
- 6 public assist
- 12 mutual aids
- Year to date calls 258

Chief Tucker noted the numbers for mutual aid given include the calls when Chief Tucker and/or D/C Phillips are acting as NW Duty Chief. This means the On-Duty Chief is responding however our staff is not responding.

Chief Tucker invited any of the board members to do a ride-a-long so they may listen to the process of the radio traffic.

Chief Tucker reiterated the importance of BBR RFPD's staff to respond to mutual aid calls. In the past Black Butte Ranch Fire staffing would watch Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire ambulances drive by when BBR RFPD had a higher level of care. The two agencies were able to break through the old school way of looking at how to respond to calls. This also allowed for neighboring agencies to do everything with less knowing they could rely on their neighbors.

There was a structure fire at the Golf Course Condo's. The heat ducts had critters in them which essentially caused the fire. The owner had started the furnace for the first time this year and the critters had their nests in the ducts. There was about \$10K worth of damage to the duct system. The Fire Department broke one of the water pipes while crawling around the crawl space under the condo. One of the major concerns of the fire was the adjoining condo. Luckily there is a concrete wall that separates them which essentially kept the fire contained to that condo.

Chief Tucker discussed:

President's Report

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Evacuation – Nathan Garibay (DCSO Emergency Manager)

Nathan provided the BOD's with three documents:

1. 1-2-3 Ready, Set, Go – this document is currently up for review however the content is still valid. It is based on the state-wide three level evacuation system that was accepted in 2014. The document was created in 2015.
2. Evacuation Notification – this document is used by DCSO to notify homeowners of their current evacuation status. The box on the bottom of the document provides tools where people can get updated fire status information. The website <https://deschutes.org/emergency> provides an evacuation map in the area(s) at which the fire event is taking place. This document is a live document and seems to work very well.
3. Map of Sisters Areas CWPP Transportation Routes – is currently in "DRAFT" status. The map identifies critical transportation routes as it pertains to evacuation and people movement during a fire. There will be some changes to this map, for example, Wilt Road will be changed from a Tier 2 (Alternate Route) to a Tier 3 (Emergency Route). In evaluating this map fire personnel are constantly looking at the best ways to keep traffic moving. Sometimes the best course of action is to place people in an area where they can defend themselves, for example, the fairway of a golf course.

Key points regarding Nathan's discussion on the methodologies and plans and procedures of fire evacuations in Deschutes County:

- The website www.centraloregonfire.org is still a great resource for up to date fire information.
- Central Oregon generally has fuel driven fires versus wind driven. Wind driven fires are generally the type of fires that take lives.
- Nathan feels that discussions need to take place on not just having evacuation as an only choice, but having defensible space in the event that evacuation is not an option. Homeowners really need to evaluate if they have done things right to protect themselves at home.
- Criteria on how we get to evacuations:
 - What are the current/expected fire behaviors?
 - What are the values at risk?
 - How populated is the area at risk?
 - Is it day/night time?
 - The degree of egress?
- People really need to look at what levels of evacuation are being set and determine if they need to leave earlier than level 3 since level 3 basically means to leave immediately, life is in jeopardy.
- Nathan feels they have a great partnership with the Police and Fire Departments of Black Butte Ranch. He also feels that experience and past evacuations are the best teachers.
- Tom inquired if Sunriver has ever been evacuated, which they have not. Nathan feels this is partially due to the Forest Service taking a progressive approach in Deschutes County in providing buffers to areas like Sunriver.
- Areas like Black Butte Ranch and Sunriver create their own challenges in that a majority of the population (at certain times) are transients who are just visiting for the weekend. One of the helpful tools that was tested in Sunriver is a community engagement system where a person visiting for the weekend can text 888777 and get up to date texts. Then when they leave, they can opt out of the texts.
- Nathan has been impressed with D/C Phillips and his approach on strategic planning around evacuation and preparedness here on the Ranch.
- Some challenges with determining when the best time to evacuate places like Black Butte Ranch and Sunriver are economic factors and internal policies.
- A lot of times evacuation levels are determined by evaluation lines.
- Fires are number one priority for DCSO during the summer months. A lot of resources are given during that time.
- Nathan complimented the Fire Chief's on their continued efforts. He feels Black Butte Ranch is in good shape however he never wants to rely on "good enough." He also feels continuation of fuels treatment and creating defensible space is important.
- Discussion on ODF working on a camera system. Funding for this system may be an issue.
- The willingness of people to get along with interagency cooperation is noticeable in Central Oregon. It has been a model for other areas to repeat.

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

There is no new information regarding the draft contract. This agenda item did prompt Chief Tucker to share that Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire is currently experiencing problems

with collections on one of their contracts. If Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire ends up dissolving their contract, those homeowners may end up reaching out to BBR RFPD. Chief Tucker recommends not engaging in a contract if that is the case.

PERS – Senate Bill 1049 & Employer Incentive Fund (EIF) – Updates

\$250,000 was paid to PERS Employer Incentive Fund. The department paid \$1,000 to have PERS rates revaluated with the \$250,000 being factored in. This decreased rates 3.09%. This rate decrease creates \$20K savings which will help take care of the \$18K that will have to begin being paid January 2020 for the Chief's employer portion. Next year, this rate decrease will create a \$25K savings over budget.

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Christmas – Awards Banquet – December 19, 2019

NEXT MEETING DATES

Next Meeting Falls on Thanksgiving – Alternate Choice 11/21/19

Board has agreed to the alternate choice of 11/21/19.

ADJOURNMENT

Board meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Don Bowler

Tom Sawyer

Date: November 21, 2019