



BLACK BUTTE RANCH R.F.P.D.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 22, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this meeting was done by teleconference. Information for this meeting was as follow: <https://www.gotomeet.me/BBRFire/board-meeting-10222020> phone: United States: +1 (408) 650-3123, access code: 402-625-405

Rodger Gabrielson called the meeting to order at 9:01 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: Tom Sawyer moved to accept the September 24, 2020 meeting minutes, seconded by Don Bowler, unanimously passed.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report

Larry reported that the line items above 25% are seasonal expenditures and have been discussed in previous meetings.

Rodger inquired if COVID will have an impact on the tax collection rate. Chief Tucker budgeted growth at 3%, and it came in at about 2.08%, which is a difference of about \$17,000. Chief also budgeted a 93% collection rate however, the district typically sees a 95.8% to 96% collection rate. This difference should make up for the difference in projected versus actual growth rate.

Tom inquired what conflagration dollars will come in from the most recent fires. Jamie reported the district will receive \$10,923.49 for the White River fire.

Motion: Tom Sawyer moved to accept the August and September 2020 financial reports as presented, seconded by Don Bowler, unanimously passed.

Chief's Report

Fire and Ambulance Report – D/C Phillips

September 2020 the department responded to the following:

- 22 total calls
- 2 fire
- 11 medical
- 6 transports
- 0 air transport
- 3 move-ups
- 6 public assist
- 7 mutual aids
- Year to date calls 219 (39 calls less than YTD 2019)

Activity on the Ranch has slowed the last three or four months.

Rodger inquired what the \$145.44 check to Jamie was for, which was for the reimbursement of coffee and laundry soap that Jamie purchased from Costco for the department.

Chief Tucker and D/C Phillips discussed:

Lionshead, Beachie – Interesting Before and After Pictures

Chief Tucker shared with the BOD a website that shows before and after pictures of Mill City, Detroit, Santiam River, and Gates. The website is a good gauge of what was burned and what held. It appears that the 1000-hour fuels fared better, most likely due to moisture in them.

Rodger shared that his son had driven Santiam Pass recently and felt the roadway had opened up a lot. There were a lot of removed trees along the roadway. Often, there is an early market for trees that are cut down during an event like this. The earlier the better as mills can get flooded with logs and then not take them.

Rodger was appreciative of D/C Phillips sharing his story of helping Upper McKenzie Fire. D/C Phillips shared some stories since being there like:

- Chaplain Stutzman is now starting to receive texts from first responders from the Holiday Farm Fire stating they are starting to be able to sleep at night.
- The day after the Idaho team left the Upper McKenzie area, a mobile home caught on fire.
- Many other departments have stepped up to help with supplies, so much that they have had to decline some of it.
- The second Upper McKenzie fire station was actually built on an alley, therefore rebuilding there is not an option. Thankfully people have stepped up to donate property for a second station.

Rodger asked if D/C Phillips could share his story at the annual homeowners meeting in June.

Larry thanked D/C Phillips and Jamie for volunteering to go to Upper McKenzie and help out.

Tom inquired if D/C Phillips would like to submit his story to The Nugget Newspaper, which Chief Tucker is leaving that up to him. Tom also shared his appreciation of the district's staff desire to help others.

Rodger encouraged the BOD's to get D/C Phillips story out to the constituents.

D/C Phillips felt being able to help Chief Rainbow was very rewarding as he knew his help was making a difference. He was also very appreciative of the opportunity to learn and see from the

boots on the ground perspective of the victims. This allowed him to gain valuable knowledge and know what the true risks are in an event like this. His newly acquired knowledge will help the Ranch and districts around here help with future planning.

President’s Report

Rodger reported that the CDC is putting together an action plan for the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine. In the action plan, CDC is looking to have districts play a role in distributing such a vaccine. Chief Tucker mentioned that in the last COFCA meeting there was discussion about antigen testing and districts playing a role in that. Chief Tucker felt this may lead into vaccinations being spread out regionally.

Larry was impressed with how efficiently the Flu Shot Clinic went on October 6th. Rodger talked with Dr. Wattenburg when he came for the Flu Shot Clinic and asked if he felt Black Butte Ranch would be a good cohort to start out when the COVID-19 vaccine does come out. It could very much be run like how the Flu Shot Clinic was.

OLD BUSINESS

BBR Wildfire Improvements – Rodgers Document

An updated version of the document titled “Plan for BBR Wildfire Safety Improvements” is in the board packet. Chief Tucker and Rodger have been working together to modify/add information to the document. Stay tuned for a final document.

GM 13 Long Term Status – Continued Discussion

The consensus of the board is to table this agenda item and revisit November 2020.

Budget Committee Open Position – Discussion

The consensus of the board is to table this agenda item and revisit November 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

PERS Rate – 2021/23 Biennium

Chief Tucker put together a comparison chart of the new PERS rates for the 2021/23 biennium.

The rates for BBR RFPD starting July 2021 will be:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>2021/23</u>
Tier I/II	16.13%	17.36%
OPSRP Gen	2.53%	10.83%
OPSRP P/F	7.16%	15.19%

The district put \$250,000 into the Employer Incentive Fund November 2019, which has helped the rates for 2021/23. Had that additional not been put in, the 2021/23 rates would have come in 4.0% higher. Even though rates increased, BBR RFPD still has the lowest rates in the county (besides Lake Chinook, but they just became a district). Chief Tucker accredits Dave Douthit in recommending that the district not join the pool years ago. It is working that the district is not in the pool however, if rates continue to increase, the district may want to look into joining the pool.

Chief Tucker continues to monitor the budget in ways of trying to keep the current levy rate stable. He feels the district needs to save an assitional \$300,000/year to not have to increase the levy rate.

Tom inquired why SCSF has such a high rate. Chief Tucker believes it is due to a former employee that disabled out early.

Chief Tucker or Jamie will send the Milliman report to the BOD's.

As of January 1, 2020, due to SB 1040, the district has been paying the employer portion of those who are retired from PERS and working back. The department has four employees who are retired from PERS, working back. SB 1040 was put in place to help buy down debt (UAL).

The rate of 2.53% for OPSRP General Service is abnormally low. It should be more like 6%.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Flu Shots – October 6th went extremely well, set a record at 111 – 9 callbacks

Still working on a solution for the Christmas/Awards Banquet

No decision has been made on what will take place in lieu of an in person awards banquet.

NEXT MEETING DATES

Board Meeting November 19th, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Board meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Tom Sawyer

Don Bowler

Date: November 19, 2020