



BLACK BUTTE RANCH R.F.P.D.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 25, 2021

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-3252021> phone: United States: +1 (408) 650-3123, access code: 454-218-189

Rodger Gabrielson called the meeting to order at 9:00 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: Larry Stuker moved to accept the February 25th, 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Don Bowler, unanimously passed.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report

Motion: Don Bowler moved to accept the February 2021 financial reports as presented, seconded by Dave Gibson, unanimously passed.

Chief's Report

Fire and Ambulance Report – Chief Tucker

February 2021 the department responded to the following:

- 16 total calls
- 6 fire
- 7 medical
- 1 transports
- 1 air transport
- 2 move-ups
- 1 public assist
- 10 mutual aids
- Year to date calls 47 (15 calls more than YTD 2020)

The most significant call was the structure fire that took place at GM 383. D/C Phillips ran into the homeowner at the post office the other day, and the homeowner stated it would be 1 1/2 years before the structure is back to its original state. The homeowners are currently working with the insurance company and have hired their own adjuster to help them know if they are getting a fair deal through their insurance company.

D/C Phillips received a copy of the fire report from OSFM. The report looked at several different areas and ruled out those areas as the cause, however, it did not rule out the electrical panel or the area around the electrical panel.

D/C Phillips commended the on-duty crew for working the fire by themselves for 18 minutes before the next engine arrived. The crew of 5 was able to keep a majority of the structure standing.

Rodger inquired on what the priorities are when working a big fire like the one at GM383. Some of the main priorities were:

1. Captain Ward needed to get around the house and see the scope of the fire.
2. While this is happening, the crews work on deploying hoses. Big fire means big water and therefore determines what hoses to pull.
3. The crews work on knocking the fire down from the outside so it doesn't progress into other areas. That exterior tactical then changes to inside and fighting the fire from the unburned side towards the burned side.

Tom inquired if a central station fire alarm would have helped for an earlier call/response. D/C Phillips thought that, yes, it would. These types of systems also come with a lot of false alarms.

GM 383 was the most significant structure fire in BBR in the five and a half years that D/C Phillips has been with the department. Twenty-six people were working the fire, and it was good because the crews had all the necessary equipment needed to fight the fire effectively.

The Utilities Department was also very helpful in this situation.

**Chief Tucker discussed:
COVID Update**

No new updates other than one of the staff members recently got sick. It was determined, by a test, that it was not COVID.

CARES Act Funds

No new updates.

President's Report

Rodger reported the Natural Resources Committee continues its deliberations and meetings on a whole host of things, including fuels mitigations, lot inspections and certifications, evacuations, etc. As it pertains to the Fire Department, the most significant thing coming from the meetings is the need to thin back from the roadway about an estimated 100 feet. There is some overhead photography from google earth that shows a real thicket surrounding the Fire Department. Rodger feels it is prudent to do some thinning to help give our professionals (Firefighters) some survivability.

One of the presenters at the last Natural Resources meeting was a representative from the Forest Service. There was a consensus that individuals (including Chief Tucker) would get together and do a walk-about to assess what action may need to occur concerning thinning.

Chief Tucker mentioned that he did not have a lot of information on the NEPA stuff.

OLD BUSINESS

Union Negotiations – Adjourn to Executive Session – ORS 192.660(2)(d)

Rodger Gabrielson adjourned the regular board meeting at 09:26 a.m. to go into Executive Session according to ORS 192.660(2)(d), to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

Rodger Gabrielson adjourned the Executive Session and re-opened the regular board meeting at 10:23 a.m.

No decisions or motions were made during the Executive Session.

GM 13 – status

The current tenants of GM13 are expected to be out by May 31, 2021 (per the existing rental agreement). Chief Tucker is unsure if this will actually happen as one of the tenants is currently in the hospital and has been there for the past ten days.

When the tenants do move out, Chief Tucker anticipates putting about \$40K into improvements to the home. This will be budgeted in the 2021/2022 budget and will come from the Building and Grounds Fund.

Chief Tucker feels it's important to keep asking, "what does the administration want to do with the house ultimately?" The newest firefighter to the department expressed interest in the home but, after looking at it, feels there would need to be some significant changes in order for him to move in. This home would have also been helpful through COVID because it would have allowed some RV's to move in. It would also be a good place for 3rd year RV's to allow them to move away from the Fire Department. There are multiple positives to keeping the home.

Chief Tucker wanted to make it clear that if the department stops using it for firefighter purposes, it has to be given back to the Ranch.

NEW BUSINESS

FY 2021/22 – Budget – discussion

Chief Tucker made the board aware that the separation with the real market value and assessed value is still not close to being what it was (it's parallel, if anything). Chief's intention with the 21/22 budget is to keep things as quiet as possible and hold back on some things until he can see where values are going.

There will be an increase in the administration section due to moving some line items to their appropriate spots.

Capital expenses will be down a bit, especially with moving GM13 upgrades to the Building and Grounds Fund. Chief is also planning to use funds from the Technology and Communication Fund to upgrade some AV needs and to purchase some new ipads.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Awards Banquet – update

No new update other than Larry is working with Bend Awards on a design for an award that will be from the board to a staff member.

Election Reminder – May 18, 2021

It is confirmed that Larry and Tom are both on the May 18, 2021 ballot.

NEXT MEETING DATE(S)

April 22, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m. – Regular Board Meeting

May 4, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m. - Budget Committee Meeting

May 11, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m. - Budget Committee Meeting (only if needed)

May 27, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m. - Regular Board Meeting, Budget Hearing and Possible Adoption & Appropriations

June 24th @ 9:00 a.m. - Regular Board Meeting and Budget Adoption & Appropriations if not done in May

ADJOURNMENT

Board meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Tom Sawyer

Dave Gibson

Date: April 22, 2021