



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

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 24, 2021

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this meeting was done in person, however the option to teleconference was available. Information for this meeting was as follow:*

*<https://zoom.us/j/96891866683?pwd=cGJuZG5sQXhzcXdHM2ppaFhoUHIUUT09>*

*Phone: +1 (253) 215-8782, Meeting ID: 968 9186 6683, Passcode: 706305*

*Rodger Gabrielson called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.*

### **Board of Directors:**

- ✓ Don Bowler
- ✓ Rodger Gabrielson
- ✓ Dave Gibson
- ✓ Tom Sawyer (joined meeting via zoom)
- ✓ Larry Stuker

### **Administration:**

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

**Guest:** Jim Brock

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** Don Bowler moved to accept the May 27th, 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Dave Gibson, unanimously passed.

### **REPORTS**

#### **Treasurer Report**

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

**Note:** Inquiry on The Nugget Newspaper amounts. Those transactions were for notices published in the local newspaper. Also, inquiry on Resident Volunteer expenses and if the students are receiving enough. This has been a topic of discussion and has been recently reviewed by Chief Tucker.

## **Chief's Report**

### **Fire and Ambulance Report – D/C Phillips**

May 2021, the department responded to the following:

- 21 total calls
- 3 fire
- 12 medical
- 7 transports
- 0 air transport
- 2 move-up
- 4 public assists
- 7 mutual aids
- Year to date calls 124 (40 calls more than YTD 2020)

D/C Phillips notes the Ranch is full and/or near capacity, which is making call volume up.

### **D/C Phillips discussed:**

The new group of Resident Volunteers (RV's), which consists of three, have moved into the station. Today they are in Sisters doing CPR and rope training. They will be in academy with the new RV's from Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire and Cloverdale Fire for the next four weeks.

Four seasonals, two from Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire and two from Cloverdale Fire, will be joining us starting July 1, 2021, to help supplement summer staffing.

The pre-positioning of two task forces in Central Oregon is being done to help mitigate any fires that pop up. It is also being done to familiarize those from outside the area.

Two house bills are being proposed as it pertains to the fire service: HB 2927 and SB 762. HB 2927 would remove OFSM out from under the direction of the Oregon State Police. D/C Phillips feels this would be a good move and has a good chance of passing. SB 762 focuses on defensible space and would establish programs to mitigate wildfire and help with the recovery process. It also focuses on Wildland-urban Interface (WUI) and improving Oregon mutual aid system.

D/C Phillips stated that pre-positioning resources are currently being discussed. When there is a national and regional draw-down of wildland resources, conflagration should be acted on more quickly. As a trial to the system, two task forces have been pre-positioned in Central Oregon for the last 72 hours, anticipating of an event happening. Crews will most likely stop in BBR, Sisters-Camp Sherman and Cloverdale districts through this pre-positioning process. This allows them to get familiar with the area.

### **President's Report**

Rodger Gabrielson applauded the efforts for wildfire preparedness, but it seems there is no money out there to implement. He sees efforts in suppression, recovery, and mitigation, with recovery and mitigation taking a back seat a bit.

D/C Phillips reported a number of grants have allowed for money to be freed up to OSFM since last September. They have hired two positions through June 30, 2021, hoping they continue through the next fiscal year. The positions are Regional Response and Deployment Coordinator and Fuels Treatment Preparedness Coordinator.

The Ranch is planning to convene their Board of Directors retreat on wildfires sometime around July 26<sup>th</sup>. Rodger is encouraged that three of the 14 candidates have written interest in wildfire mitigation and pre-planning.

Rodger will be speaking at the annual homeowner's meeting. He feels it is a good opportunity to sensitize the people of the problems here on the Ranch. Rodger recommends that the board consider a mission statement to provide services for the constituents that is well defined as it pertains to wildfire.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **GM 13 – status**

The current occupants asked to extend their stay past June 30<sup>th</sup> due to health reasons and the possible need for future follow-up doctor appointments in Portland.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Kalamataca Ranch LLC Fire Protection Agreement**

Kalamataca Ranch has asked the fire district to offer out-of-boundary fire protection services since they are located .5 miles up McAllister Road from the Fiddleneck gate. Kalamataca Ranch trains horses to be utilized during search and rescue missions.

Kalamataca Ranch has an agreement with the Forest Service to maintain the road to their property. They are equipped and prepared to do that, which is good because that is a main requirement for BBR RFPD. Another main requirement is water supply, which Kalamataca Ranch is prepared to provide that. D/C Phillips presented to the board a Staff Report outlining the request. The agreement that would be put into place would mirror the Glynn agreement.

D/C Phillips discussed charging them under Real Market Value versus Taxed Assessed Value. Right now, the thought until a complete build is done is a flat rate of \$2000.

Rodger expressed the comfort in knowing the Kalamataca Ranch is essentially fireproofing the forest in that area which provides a lot of value to the Ranch. Having a contract with the owners allows for the Ranch to have a voice with them.

D/C Phillips confirmed that he is comfortable providing EMS response on the Kalamataca Ranch road because the district has responded there before.

<p><b>Motion:</b> Don Bowler moved to authorize the Fire Chief to proceed forward with fire protection agreement negotiations with the owners of Kalamataca Ranch LLC, seconded by Dave Gibson, unanimously passed.</p>
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### **GH 252 (13296 Hawks Beard) 30' Height Exception**

The builder of GH 252 requested a height exception per 18-120-040. D/C Phillips reviewed the plan and request and is in favor or providing support. Letter of support by D/C Phillips to Scott Rasmussen (Olsen Group Architects) was provided in the board packet.

This exception led to a discussion on the ladder truck. D/C Phillips stated if there is a need to replace the current ladder truck, one of the following things would take place in consideration of exceptions like this:

1. Replace current ladder truck with one like-kind
2. Retool any current apparatus with a 35 ft. ladder
3. Purchase a new apparatus that includes a 35 ft. ladder

Also, knowing Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire may have a need for a ladder truck in the near future, especially with all the growth taking place in Sisters Country.

After the request for the exception for GH 252, another one came in from Brendon Hart of Hacker Architects at home site 112930 Hawks Beard. D/C Phillips also granted the request and provided a letter of support in the board packet.

### **Surplus Inventory List**

D/C Phillips presented to the board an inventory list of outdated items to be surplus.

**Motion:** Don Bowler moved to authorize the Fire Chief to surplus the items listed on the inventory list provided in the board packet, seconded by Dave Gibson, unanimously passed.

### **Appoint Budget Committee Members**

**Motion:** Don Bowler moved to re-appoint Rikki Goede and Dave Sullivan to the Black Butte Ranch RFPD Budget Committee, seconded by Dave Gibson, unanimously passed.

### **Appoint Civil Service Members**

**Motion:** Don Bowler moved to re-appoint Dave Sullivan to the Black Butte Ranch RFPD Civil Service Committee, seconded by Dave Gibson, unanimously passed.

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

#### **Awards Banquet – update**

It's been determined that last year's awards banquet will take place this summer here at the station in the bays.

Not sure if the department will have the 2021 Christmas Dinner and Awards Banquets at the Lodge due to it being remodeled. The Bistro may be a good alternative.

### **Jim Gibbons Letter**

Letter by Jim Gibbons was provided in the board packet.

**Future Board Meeting Venue**

Continue moving forward with in-person meetings.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

July 22nd @ 9:00 a.m. - Regular Board Meeting

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Board meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.*

**OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Approved by Don Bowler

Tom Sawyer

Date: July 22, 2021