



BLACK BUTTE RANCH R.F.P.D.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 26, 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/91854676620?pwd=bEhVb1gvNXIGczI5SVJRSUZBTmhqdz09>

Phone: +1 (253) 215-8782, Meeting ID: 918 5467 6620, Passcode: 013501

Rodger Gabrielson called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Board of Directors:

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

Administration:

- ✓ Chief Dan Tucker
- ✓ Deputy Chief Dave Phillips (joined meeting via zoom)
- ✓ Jamie Vohs

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Tom Sawyer moved to accept the July 22nd, 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Don Bowler, unanimously passed.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report

Larry inquired what CLIA was on the purchase journal. CLIA is the program that regulates laboratories that test human specimens and ensures they give accurate, reliable, and timely patient test results regardless of where the test is performed.

Motion: Don Bowler moved to accept the July 2021 financial reports as presented, seconded by Tom Sawyer, unanimously passed.

Chief's Report

Fire and Ambulance Report – Chief Tucker

July 2021, the department responded to the following:

- 65 total calls
- 9 fire
- 39 medical

- 11 transports
- 2 air transports
- 6 move-ups
- 11 public assists
- 18 mutual aids
- Year-to-date calls 227 (74 calls more than YTD 2020)

Year-to-date calls are not too far off of 2018.

Some of the fire calls consisted of:

- Smoke investigation at milepost 91.
- Eight small spot fires at milepost 93. It was determined the cause was due to a passing vehicle's catalytic converter.
- Small brush fire near Suttle Lake.
- Taskforce activation for the Grandview Fire.

There was a recent fire near the South Meadow pool. The initial determination of the cause of the fire was kids disposing of cigarettes into a rotted-out tree stump.

Chief Tucker discussed:
New COVID-19 Rules and Impact
 Moved to New Business

Station Tours

Station Tours have ended; however, the next two Wednesday the department will be prepared if people come.

President's Report

Rodger commented on Nick Beasley's (Ranch Board President) written letter to the Ranch. The letter explained the Ranch boards desire to get the ball rolling on various aspects; one being making BBR a Fire Wise Community. Dave Gibson thinks this will happen, but will need to get the first management plan done.

Some highlights to making BBR a Fire Wise Community:

- Not all 1253 lots have to be certified to be considered a Fire Wise Community; instead, it is based on a percentage of lots.
- There is a relationship between number of buildings and the number of hours/dollars spent each year on Fire Wise improvements.
- At least one Fire Wise community meeting per year will need to take place.
- Deputy Chief Phillips will be a part of the meeting (that includes Ross Huffman), where the group will do a one to two-hour walk-through of the Ranch. There will be three things that will be looked at on this tour. It is unknown what those three things will be.
- The Ranch desires to become a Fire Wise Community because it should help the Ranch's insurance premium go down since they are seeing a hefty increase this year.

- Those homeowners who have USAA homeowner's insurance will be given a 10% discount if BBR is a Fire Wise Community.
- Doug Green (SCSF) might be a good resource for the group as he has worked on Fire Wise for the community of Sisters. D/C Phillips will reach out to him.

OLD BUSINESS

GM 13 – Status Update – See Attached 8/2/21 Response

After last month's board meeting, Chief Tucker reached out to the residents of GM13, asking for an updated status. Justin Waalkes followed up with a status letter to the board. The letter is included in the board packet.

NEW BUSINESS

New COVID-19 Rules and Impact

A rule has been put into place that all healthcare providers and staff are required to be vaccinated against COVID-19. Healthcare professionals can request an exception from the vaccination requirement on the basis of a physical or medical condition or religious belief. A medical exception would need a doctor's note accompanied with it. A religious exception would not need a note accompanied with it. It is up to the employer to approve the exception, which means the liability falls back on the employer.

There are a lot of questions to this rule, and Chief Tucker has reached out to legal for guidance. At this point, legal has asked those asking questions to hold tight until more information is determined.

There is hesitation on this rule from people in the fire service (not necessarily from BBR RFPD). Some fire districts may see a loss of 10-25% career staff and 50% of volunteers due to this rule, as they would rather quit than get the vaccination. Knowing this information, the need for mutual aid could increase.

Chief Tucker has included Temporary Administrative order PH34-2021 in the board packet.

There is a \$500 fine per person per day for non-compliance with the rule.

Chief Tucker had a meeting with the two non-vaccinated BBR RFPD department members to discuss the rule with them. One had been waiting for FDA approval before getting the vaccination, and the other had not done it due to personal choice.

It is unclear how this mandate would apply to the COVID-19 booster vaccination once that is available.

Right now, anyone of BBR RFPD's staff members who respond to a COVID-like call is required to wear proper PPE. One person makes initial contact with the COVID-like patient and determines the next course of action; if more help is needed or not. If another staff member is necessary, they too will wear proper PPE when engaging with the patient.

St. Charles recently sent out a request asking for help by local EMT's to help supplement the already addition of the National Guard.

To meet the ruling deadline of October 18, 2021, unvaccinated individuals would need to get their first shot on or before the following dates:

- Moderna: September 6, 2021
- Pfizer: September 13, 2021
- Johnson & Johnson: October 4, 2021

Moving forward, can employers screen future employees based on them being vaccinated versus unvaccinated? It is unclear as this is currently a temporary rule.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Academy Graduation

The classes of 2020 and 2021 were honored at Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire on successfully completing their Firefighter I Academy.

September 8th, Awards Banquet

Discussion took place on the September 8th awards banquet and if it should still occur, especially with the Governor's recent mask mandate of masks being required in and outdoors. The consensus of the board was to move forward with the event.

View Restoration

D/C Phillips discussed an email that he sent out to a group on the Ranch regarding a homeowner site behind GM172 that could potentially prevent current views from being seen in the future due to aspens being planted in non-approved common area.

NEXT MEETING DATE

September 23, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m. - Regular Board Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Board meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Larry Stuker

Tom Sawyer

Date: September 23, 2021