



BLACK BUTTE RANCH R.F.P.D.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

July 22, 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/92402826036?pwd=VGw4M09vdyszem5YclB0NmE0R2t5Zz09>

Phone: +1 (253) 215-8782, Meeting ID: 924 0282 6036, Passcode: 167149

Rodger Gabrielson called the meeting to order at 9:00 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Don Bowler moved to accept the June 24th, 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Tom Sawyer, unanimously passed.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report

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

Chief's Report

Fire and Ambulance Report – Chief Tucker

June 2021, the department responded to the following:

- 38 total calls
- 9 fire
- 19 medical
- 8 transports
- 1 air transport
- 0 move-up
- 10 public assists

- 7 mutual aids
- Year to date calls 162 (48 calls more than YTD 2020)

Chief Tucker reported that overall call volume is up. Some of the calls in June consisted of a BBQ fire, a brush fire at MP 93, and Task Force II to Warm Springs and Redmond Airport. There were no conflagrations in the area for June.

However, in July the Grandview Fire started, and there was a structure fire up in the Glaze Meadow area. Deputy State Fire Marshal Caleb Barnes, assessed the fire and should be able to determine its origination; it was likely due to electrical. The feeling is that the fire is accidental versus arson. Chief Tucker complimented the firefighters who worked the structure fire. There was 22 personnel total on the fire, including an engine from Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire and an engine from Cloverdale.

The couple staying at the home in GM were here for their anniversary and were sleeping downstairs. The husband heard a noise and then a louder noise, which prompted him to call 911. They were able to capture film on their Ring video doorbell.

Chief Tucker feels damages are about \$100,000+. The attic space was tongue and groove, which kept the fire somewhat contained. The firefighters had to break windows out in the garage but did not go into the garage. They also had Trex decking, which Chief Tucker feels helped with the situation. The hot tub melted down before the Trex decking.

**Chief Tucker discussed:
Grandview Fire**

The State of Oregon and the Feds are clamping down on campfires, etc., due to fires in the state. The Oregon State Fire Marshal's office is pre-positioning task force teams to the middle of the state in the event they are needed. A task force team is currently pre-positioned here in Central Oregon.

Positive Changes @ Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office: Prepositioning Task Forces, Out of State Resources, Regional Deputies, Regional Conflagration Coordinator, Separation from Oregon State Police, Budget

The Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office will be separating from the Oregon State Police, which will be a good thing.

Out of state resources are being asked for, and there is currently a task force team from Utah that have been familiarizing themselves with the area. The team seems very happy to be here. Chief Tucker and Chief Craig (from Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire) toured the team in areas such as Sisters, Black Butte, Camp Sherman, and the areas where the GW and Cache Fires took place. The team seems eager to get on a fire in this area because the terrain (fuel model) is so different from where they come from. The Utah team will be in Oregon for two weeks.

Oregon Legislature has released funds to implement Regional Deputies and a Regional Conflagration Coordinator. The Regional Conflagration Coordinator will also be used for

mitigation purposes. David Call has been assigned the position of Regional Conflagration Coordinator. Chief Tucker had the opportunity to tour around with David during the Grandview Fire and more recently when the Utah Task Force Team came to visit. David brings a lot to the table as he is ex-coast guard, ex-wildland, and ex-structural firefighter, and is very familiar with Oregon. These positions will help meet the needs of SB 762.

Larry inquired about prescribed burns and the likelihood of ever catching up on prescribed burns based on the last provided information. Chief Tucker stated prescribed burns are generally feds who take on the task and responsibility, and the discussion today of a Regional Coordinator is state funded.

Rodger feels the state is organizing itself in a positive, aggressive manner. He wondered if/when The Ranch would be approached by one of the coordinators. This is a possibility; however, Chief Tucker feels they are just getting their feet under them and learning what their job is/consists of.

Chief Tucker feels many positive changes are coming from OSFM. They are taking advantage of the awareness of the fires from last year. There is a lot of discussion about logging, defensible space, fuels mitigation, and building codes.

Chief Tucker provided in the board packet a letter from Oregon State Fire Marshal Mariana Ruiz-Temple, along with a copy of the language to SB 762.

President's Report

The Black Butte Ranch Board of Directors will be meeting this Saturday, July 24th. One of the discussion points will be fuels mitigation. Rodger feels that several of the board members are in support of wildfire preparedness.

OLD BUSINESS

GM 13 – status

No new change in status for the occupants of GM13.

Kalamataca Ranch LLC Fire Protection Agreement

The Kalamataca Ranch fire protection contract was signed. The owners have a forest management plan currently in place, which is good. The property aligns up to Snowbrush. They have a yurt, a roofed barn for hay, and a teepee. The owners are taking some interesting mitigation routes in that they have longhorn cattle on the property to eat the brush. They are also aware that a water supply is necessary on the property.

NEW BUSINESS

Accuity – 2020/2021 Audit – update

The 2020/2021 financial audit took place on Tuesday (July 20th). The audit process went very well, and a draft financial audit report should be given to Jamie in a week or two.

NRC Request for opinion – Fuels mitigation and objectives for BBR Evac Routes

Chief Tucker presented to the board a “Request for Opinion” letter regarding NRC fuels mitigation, specifically evacuation. He signed the letter to give to the BBR Board of Directors.

Motion: Don Bowler moved for Chief Tucker to sign the “Request for Opinion” letter pertaining to NRC Fuels Mitigation Re: Evacuation, seconded by Tom Sawyer, unanimously passed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Awards Banquet – update

It has been decided that the awards banquet will take place on August 18th at 12:30 p.m., here at the Fire Station.

NEXT MEETING DATE

August 26th, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m. - Regular Board Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Board meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Tom Sawyer

Don Bowler

Date: August 26, 2021