



BLACK BUTTE RANCH R.F.P.D.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 24, 2022

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was electronically offered. Information for this meeting was as follows:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87503699860?pwd=QVMwUEVlQmVLWlIQVDJHekJnVjNYdz09>

Phone: +1 (253) 215-8782, Meeting ID: 875 0369 9860, Passcode: 656513

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
- ✓ Jamie Vohs

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Tom Sawyer moved to accept the January 27, 2022 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Don Bowler, unanimously passed.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report

Larry inquired what the BBR dues were in the amount of \$3009.60. The amount represents annual BBR dues for 3 sites (Fire Station, GM13 and GM172).

Motion: Don Bowler moved to accept the January 2022 financial reports as presented, seconded by Tom Sawyer, unanimously passed.

Chief's Report

Fire and Ambulance Report – Chief Tucker

January 2022, the department responded to the following:

- 24 total calls
- 2 fire
- 16 medical
- 4 transports
- 2 air transports (SCS calls however a BBR RFPD staff member was in the back of their ambulance)

- 1 move-ups
- 5 public assist
- 11 mutual aids
- Year-to-date calls 24 (7 less than YTD 2021 and 4 more than YTD 2020)

The headings on the report are inaccurate; however, the call volume numbers are accurate.

Last Sunday, a she-shed caught on fire off of Power Line Road.

Discussion on the current condition of Power Line Road because Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire used that road to help respond to the she-shed fire. Highlights from the discussion:

- Chief Johnson thought SB 762 might provide an avenue to help fix the road.
- Money is supposed to be available to work with our partners on projects like this.
Ex: Forest Service
- Nathan Garibay is aware of the condition of Power Line Road.
- The Ranch has the ability to fix the road if given the ok, but it may be too costly for the Ranch.
- Roads like Power Line Road are put on the CWPP. CWPP deals with emergency evacuation routes.
- Rodger expressed that the BBR RFPD BOD takes a position on the status of the road because of the importance of using that road for evacuation purposes.
- D/C Phillips is part of the Ranch Evacuation Group (group includes: Shawn (new CEO), Phil Juckeland, Phil Zerzan, and Chief Van Meter), which has been looking at different options and solutions for the road.
 - D/C Phillips attended a Co-op meeting with local agencies. James from the Forest Service was in attendance and expressed that federal money for roads is thin. However, with that said, Federal funds are being released in the Wildfire Division of the Feds. The local Forest Service Region is talking with the higher division of the Federal Government to possibly move NEPA, and road improvement projects to the Wildfire Division.
- It might be worth sending a letter to Senators and Congressmen regarding the importance of fixing the Power Line Road.
- There could be some opportunity to work with Dr. Peterson since he is getting ready to sell his property. Possibility of the Ranch purchasing it.
- D/C Phillips spoke with Dr. Peterson about possible grant funds to manage the brush on his property.
- Larry inquired how much it would cost to fix Power Line Road. A rough estimate would be \$150K.
- The condition of the road seems just as important as trees.
- The original purpose of Power Line Road was to service the power lines.
- D/C Phillips will write a memo to the Chairman of the Ranch Evacuation Group.
- The Forest Service Road is pretty much abandoned but is important to the Ranch.
- The Ranch Evacuation Group is also talking about evacuation route signs to be put out during a time of need.

Chief Tucker discussed:

No report.

President's Report

Rodger spoke on two articles from the recent Nugget edition:

- Nice article about Julie Spor from Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire.
- Insurability of homes on the Ranch and Cold Springs Road. The Nugget interviewed Jason (Farmers Insurance) and Tammy (Bisnett Insurance) regarding homeowners being refused homeowner insurance due to their home location.
 - Led to discussion on getting Fire Wise approved may help with getting homeowners insurance.

Rodger called out the team who participated in the burn to learn in Sisters. He was very impressed with the process. There is another one this Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

GM 13 – Update

On February 10, 2022, a work session to discuss the two homes owned by the District. No decision was made at the work session (public meeting rules); therefore, any decision to be made was moved to this board meeting. Most of the discussion involved GM13. Highlights of the discussion:

- Tom inquired if the Ranch would re-negotiate the terms of GM13.
- Unclear if there 1252, 1253 or even 1254 lots are on the Ranch master plan.
 - Master plan information is locked up at section 5. Marilee is going to try and look for the records.
 - Chief Phillips stated the county could not help with finding this information out.
- To make a change to the Ranch master plan will require a vote of $\frac{3}{4}$ ownership of the community. It Might be hard to get.
- A Consensus of the board: The Department and District find there is no need for GM13. Determining this gives the ability to move forward with a determination on what to do with it. Professional management is with that opinion as well.
- While the District decides what to do with GM13, water, sewer, and electricity will still need to be paid for.
- Tom thought it would be wise to notify the District's insurance company that GM13 is currently vacant.
- The board foresees it taking time to decide how best to get rid of GM 13. Therefore, keep it status quo, and don't put any money into it.
- Chief Tucker reminded the board that 2022/2023 budgeting is underway.
 - Not sure if the District puts an additional \$60K into to Building Reserve Fund (to be used for GM13 upgrades) if it can go back into the General Fund if not used. If not used a 10-year lock on funds could happen.
- To date, the major repairs on GM13 are:
 - Replaced the pellet stove.
 - Replaced carpet in living room with hardwood flooring.
 - A wall was added to the back of the garage to create a laundry/pantry.
 - Replaced the roof.
 - Painted the exterior.
- Does the BBR Police Department have any interest in it? This may allow for a place to house a sleeper for them.
- The District will approach the Ranch again on purchasing GM13.

Deputy Chief Job Description Update (Re-approve post correction)

Chief Tucker has a meeting with an interested applicant. At this poin, no applications have been turned in.

- **Blue Card addition to Desirable Qualifications**
 - Added this desirable qualification as the District line staff have or will be going through the training.
 - Blue Card is an incident management system for communicating on the radio.
 - The intent is to communicate less on scene. Bend and Redmond currently use the system. Sisters is primarily using the system. Training for the Districts staff is next week.
 - The system was developed by a Fire Chief from Arizona.
- **Residency Requirement**
 - Discussion on residency requirement of the Deputy Chief. If not required, living in GM172 could be a taxable benefit.
 - A **motion** (first: Larry Stuker, second: Don Bowler) was made to allow for residency of the Deputy Chief shall be within currently recognized limits or as set by the Board of Directors. **Motion** (first: Larry Stuker, second: Tom Sawyer) **was rescinded after more discussion.**
 - The requirement for Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire Chief is to live within the District. The Deputy Chief can live 20 minutes from 701.
 - Discussion on setting a limit on “reasonable distance from the District.” A decision was not to set a limit.

Motion: Larry Stuker moved to accept the residency language to: Residency shall be within a reasonable distance from the District, seconded by Tom Sawyer, unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Upcoming Items - No upcoming items to report.

Dave Gibson reported he saw cougar tracks in the back of his yard.

NEXT MEETING DATE

March 24th, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

Board meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Larry Stuker

 Don Bowler

 Date: March 24, 2022