



BLACK BUTTE RANCH R.F.P.D.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 26, 2022

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89859206472?pwd=K3BQNDFlUnA1Z09FcGVkdUsxUy9lQT09>

Phone: +1 (253) 215-8782, Meeting ID: 898 5920 6472, Passcode: 493234

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

Guest:

- ✓ Jared Earnest
- ✓ Jason Ellison (via zoom)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Tom Sawyer moved to accept the April 28th, 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Dave Gibson, unanimously passed.

- A motion was not made to accept the May 3rd, 2022 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes and will need to be voted on at the June 23rd, 2022 meeting.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report

Motion: Tom Sawyer moved to accept the April 2022 financial reports as presented, seconded by Dave Gibson, unanimously passed.

- Larry inquired what the check to Jamie Vohs was for in the amount of \$1279.90. It is a reimbursement for the Accounting 498 class that she took Winter term.

Chief's Report

Fire and Ambulance Report – Chief Tucker

April 2022, the department responded to the following:

- 22 total calls
- 2 fire
- 11 medical
- 3 transports
- 0 air transport
- 6 move-ups
- 3 public assists
- 14 mutual aids
- Year-to-date calls 92 (11 less than YTD 2021 and 30 more than YTD 2020)

Chief Tucker discussed:

Hiring Process Completed

The hiring processes are now complete. Tyler Smith was hired as the new Firefighter/Paramedic, and Jason Ellison was hired as the new Deputy Chief. Larry commented on how well both hiring processes went.

President's Report

Rodger thanked the staff for the nice annual awards banquet the night before.

Rodger reported the annual homeowners meeting will be taking place this year. Rodger will refresh constituents on where the fire department is, etc. Susan Waddell will also speak on behalf of the Wildfire Mitigation Planning Committee. A meeting will take place this afternoon here at the Fire Station. D/C Phillips invited the Chief Deputy Fire Marshal from the State of Oregon and two local reps to help understand the policy and help build a relationship.

Tom inquired if the Wildfire Mitigation Planning Committee meets with the Forest Service. D/C Phillips feels they are not directly part of it; however, there are foresters on the committee. There was discussion if a risk analysis survey has been done for BBR like Sunriver has done? Seems BBR is the only development in Sisters County with a built-in defensible space, fire breaks, and unique geography.

D/C Phillips commented on the following:

1. The Forest Service was challenged to develop projects for money they were given. They threw out ideas like improving Power Line Road, and NEPA projects around the Ranch, etc.
2. Forest Service is kind of hamstrung to the west because they are waiting for trees to grow above the brush so they can deal with the brush. Currently in a holding pattern with that.

Chief Tucker looked at a historical earth view that showed snapshots of each year. He noticed lots of logged plots done all around the west side of the Ranch and other areas. Fires started really coming in 1986; as you look at the model of snapshots, those logged plots have since been filled in. Chief Tucker will send the earth view link to the Board.

Discussion on what resources the District has in preparation for the summer fire season. The District has two obligations: structural and backfill teams for wildland. The District plans to augment staffing this summer; however, the pool is small this year to pull.

The college has developed a skills class for non-affiliated students. The District is exploring the program as it might be able to offer a once or twice a week opportunity for hands-on access. The District is trying not to hire its own RV's because of the volunteer/employee labor law conflict. It won't help for this summer, but possibly next.

Larry inquired about the status of prescribed fires in the area. The Chief Forester of the United States Forest Service placed a moratorium on prescribed fire for 90 days due to the fires in the southwest. Rodger disagrees with the moratorium.

Tom inquired about the number of new fire detection cameras in the area. D/C Phillips is not exactly sure, but they are coming. COIDC has a control room set up to monitor the existing cameras. There are three or four cameras west of 97.

Bill Bartlett's story in The Nugget is about people living in the woods. With more and more people living in the woods, the potential of human-caused incident has gone up. The District has no authority over campfires out of the District, and therefore, the best thing to do is contact COIDC for enforcement if one is seen.

There seems to be great success with private residents surrounding the Ranch with regard to wildfire mitigation and management of their properties.

OLD BUSINESS

GM 13 – Status Update

A recent meeting occurred with Chief Tucker, D/C Phillips, Don, and Shawn. There is still a need to figure out if GM13 lot can be an actual lot for the Ranch and if it is available. The Ranch is quite interested in getting it fixed and selling it.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Committee Appointment – Gary Olson

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| <p>Motion: Larry Stuker moved to re-appoint Gary Olson to the Budget Committee for another term, seconded by Don Bowler, unanimously passed.</p> |
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Civil Service Commission Appointment – Mike Fisher

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| <p>Motion: Don Bowler moved to re-appoint Mike Fisher to the Civil Service Commission for another term, seconded by Larry Stuker, unanimously passed.</p> |
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GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chief on vacation from May 27th through June 12th & June 17th through July 2nd
Deputy Chief Phillips retirement gathering July 5th, 2022

NEXT MEETING DATE

June 23rd, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting – 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Board meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Larry Stuker

Don Bowler

Date: June 23, 2022