



BLACK BUTTE RANCH R.F.P.D.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 22, 2022

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

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Rodger Gabrielson called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

Board of Directors:

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

Administration:

- ✓ Chief Dan Tucker
- ✓ Deputy Chief Jason Ellison
- ✓ Jamie Vohs

Guest:

- ✓ Chad Bettsworth (ECD – Empire Construction and Development)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Tom Sawyer moved to approve the August 25, 2022 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Larry Stuker, unanimously passed.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report

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

Chief's Report

Fire and Ambulance Report – Chief Tucker

August 2022, the department responded to the following:

- 39 total calls
- 5 fire
- 25 medical
- 11 transports

- 2 air transport
- 1 move-up
- 8 public assists
- 5 mutual aids
- Year-to-date calls 242 (17 less than YTD 2021 and 45 more than YTD 2020)

Discussion on a recent air ambulance transport took place. Some felt it took air ambulance too long to get to BBR. Chief Ellison explained that Life Flight was on stand-by for another call and therefore had to call Air Link. It is usual for a medic to put air ambulance in the air if they feel they might be needed and then stand them down if they are not required.

Chief Tucker discussed:

No discussion.

Firewise Report

The last Firewise meeting had discussions with a homeowner who wrote a letter to the committee expressing his concern with outdoor debris burning and allowing smoking on the golf course. The committee tried to educate the homeowner on the importance of debris burning. The homeowner could take his concerns to the BBR Board; however, Susan does not think he will.

The free needle pick-up was a good idea.

Chief Ellison has asked to be a panelist for the movie Elemental.

President's Report

No discussion.

OLD BUSINESS

GM 13 – Update

Chief Tucker was able to sit down and have a discussion with Shawn regarding GM13.

Highlights from the discussion:

- The board would like to stay in the direction of working with the Ranch regarding the property.
- A licensed contractor determined the structure is in poor shape and should be demoed.
- It is still being determined if the lot can go back into the BBR master plan.
- GM13 will be brought to the BBR finance committee tomorrow.
- Shawn would like to see both entities working together on the future of GM13.
- The BBR RFPD board would like to see a 50/50 split on GM13; however, the plan needs to be heard by the BBR Finance Committee. Shawn expressed GM13 being an unanticipated windfall for the BBR Finance Committee.
- By the October meeting, Chief Ellison anticipates having answers from the lawyers on if the lot can go into the BBR master plan and what the split will be.
- The cost of taking down the house will require three bids.

- We need to determine if the removal of the structure is an expense or a capital item.
- It would be nice to have Shawn or even Brent (VP of Finance) be at the next board meeting.

Health Insurance (Admin) – Vote

The board continued the BBR RFPD Admin health insurance discussion now that all board members were present. The board supports moving BBR RFPD Administrators to a new plan with SDIS.

Motion: Larry Stuker moved to approve the BBR RFPD Administrators to enroll in SDIS - OFCA plan (requiring removal from the current insurance plan from Teamsters), seconded by Don Bowler, unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Fire Protection Service (Chad Bettsworth) – TL-140917000301

Chad Bettsworth, a Kevin Spencer of Kalamataca Ranch representative, attended the meeting to provide information, and to answer any questions the board may have regarding the request for fire protection services from Black Butte Ranch RFPD at TL-140917000301 (Kalamataca Ranch).

Highlights of the request discussion:

- A sight map was provided to the board.
- Working on a fire protection plan set by Tamarack Wildfire Consulting.
- Adapting to things that came out of the California fire, ex: bird-blocking vents.
- Property is about three miles from the station.
- Chief Tucker mentioned the more contracts the district takes on could potentially affect ISO rating.
 - Chief Tucker has a meeting with Dave Hyland to discuss ISO.
- One of the benefits of contracting would be the cleanup the property owner would be required to do. Cleanup helps mitigate fuels to the west of the Ranch, which is always a concern.
- Access in winter will be on the property owner to plow.
- It is undetermined if it will be a full or part-time residence.
- There is a plan for a cistern or water tank. If BBR RFPD does not take on the contract, a water source like a pond would be required.
- Wildland protection comes from ODF, and structural protection would come from BBR RFPD.
- Chief Tucker expressed that some people lose sight of the fact that if a fire happens structurally, the primary purpose is to protect the woods, and firefighters may not even go into the structure.
- An alarm system should be of importance.
- Q: Do we monitor the quality of the roads? Chief Tucker does not believe so. If the property owner does not keep up with the road quality, it is on them if the fire department cannot get to their home.
- Suggested meeting with ISO and tabling the discussion until the next meeting.

- Chief Tucker clarified that if a fire protection contract is approved, it would be a contract, not an annexation.

Captain Job Description Update – Approval

Captain Ward’s last physical day on the job is October 8, 2022. Chief Tucker anticipated doing a promotional exam; however, it is happening sooner than he thought. When the promotion exam takes place, there will be a need to backfill for the Firefighter/Paramedic position. The current Firefighter/Paramedic list is not as desirable as Chief Tucker would like. Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire is temporarily hiring one of their Resident Volunteers until the lack of available firefighters calms down.

The current Firefighter/Paramedic list is a 30-month list, set to expire in October 2023. Three people are interested in staying on the list; however, only two currently qualify.

An example of the lack of interest in the industry is that the Paramedic class at COCC has 16 students, which could have up to 27 students. The region is heavily working on recruitment to get more education and involvement in the fire service industry.

Chief Tucker feels there might be an opportunity to get an MOU that pertains to the current working environment.

The district received a Wildland Staffing Grant from OFSM, which has been very helpful; however, it is set to expire on October 31, 2022.

Motion: Don Bowler moved to approve the updated job description (2-1-1) for the position of Fire Captain/EMT Paramedic, seconded by Tom Sawyer, unanimously passed.

Accuity Letter – Informational

The Accuity letter provided in the board packet is informational only for the board.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER
Christmas & Awards Gathering**

NEXT MEETING DATE

October 27, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting – 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Board meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Don Bowler

Larry Stuker

Date: October 27, 2022