



BLACK BUTTE RANCH R.F.P.D.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 22, 2023

Optional Teleconference Information:

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Meeting ID: 831 3196 3502 | **Passcode:** 391841 | **Phone:** +1 253 215 8782 US

Rodger Gabrielson called the meeting to order at 9:02 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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Tom Sawyer moved to approve the May 25, 2023 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Don Bowler, unanimously passed.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report

Comments/Discussion on Treasurer Report:

- Revenues are up nicely.
- Inquiry on Smith aerial class of \$1095; the class is a requirement of the job.
- Inquiry on Department of Justice. This is a child support payment.

Motion: Don Bowler moved to approve the May 2023 financial reports as presented, seconded by Tom Sawyer, unanimously passed.

Chief's Report

Fire and Ambulance Report – Chief Tucker

May 2023, the department responded to the following:

- 41 total calls
- 6 fire
- 15 medical

- 7 ground transports
- 1 air transports
- 2 move-up
- 18 public assists
- 8 mutual aids
- 5 duty officer responses
- 0 move-up calls
- 1 8 PC's
- Year-to-date calls 145 (27 more than YTD 2022 and 21 more than YTD 2021)

Comments/Discussion on F&A Report:

- June was the third busiest month.
- Of the air transport calls, one landed, and the 2nd was called off.
- Seasonal staffing is in place.
- Redmond invited the department to participate in an all-hazards drill; however, no one was able to attend.

**Chief Ellison discussed:
Strategic Planning & Goals**

D/C Ellison spoke on the following strategic plan and goals:

Recruitment and Retention – past student F/F Guintu is the departments newest FF/Paramedic but will be leaving to pursue another opportunity. F/F Schuhmann has been offered to fill the soon-to-be open position. She is currently not a paramedic but is actively pursuing her paramedic license.

Chief Ellison also reported:

The three new Resident Volunteers are wildland training for 2-3 weeks and then will leave to attend an accelerated EMT program in Arizona.

There is a lot of discussion on pine needles and how far they should be cleared from the home. OSFM recommends 100 ft., or to the property line.

It is costing BBR \$100,000 to dispose of the needles from the free needle pickup.

There may be an opportunity to address the gravel road that goes to Cold Springs Rd. by partnering with CEC and the Forest Service.

D/C Ellison was asked about his thoughts on an emergency siren in BBR. He feels it could be a good or bad thing.

Firewise Report

Rodger inquired if the Fire Department should be the source of knowledge for setting the standard on pine needle clean-up. D/C Ellison pointed out that OSFM is who the department takes recommendations from regarding topics like pine needle clean-up.

OSFM will become its own agency on July 1, 2023.

Three people who are on the Firewise Committee, are also on the BBR Board. This is good because they bring balance.

Because of Firewise, more people have complied with cleaning up their properties.

Tom inquired if the Ranch has an insurance waiver for those volunteering to do things like pick up trash and working with the trees. D/C Ellison is going to get clear confirmation on this.

Forest Management Report

The Forest Management Committee has identified how bad bitterbrush is on the Ranch. Dave Gibson and a few others are working on removing bitterbrush on the Ranch; however, it is all volunteer based.

Dave thought if the bitterbrush got under control now, it would be good for another 4-5 years.

At the Project Wildfire meeting a gal gave a presentation on controlled burns versus prescribed burns. It was good information to hear.

Larry recommended that the proceeds from selling x-mas trees this year should be used to pay people to help get rid of the bitterbrush.

Director Gabrielson discussed:

President's Report

No report given.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business to report on.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2023-0622-R-A Accepting \$22,000 OSFM Supplemental Staffing Grant for the FY2023-24 Budget

<p>Motion: Don Bowler moved to approve Resolution 2023-0622-R-A accepting \$22,000 OSFM Supplemental Staffing Grant for the FY2023-24 budget as presented, seconded by Dave Gibson, unanimously passed.</p>
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Election of Board Officers for FY2023/24

2022/2023 Board of Directors and positions:

Rodger Gabrielson	President
Dave Gibson	Vice President
Tom Sawyer	Secretary
Larry Stuker	Treasurer
Don Bowler	Director

Motion: Don Bowler moved to keep the same Board of Directors positions as shown above (fiscal year 2022/2023) for fiscal year 2023/2024, seconded by Dave Gibson, unanimously passed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Resident Volunteer Update

One RV was allowed to resign versus letting him go. This made the department one RV short. F/F White offered to stay and help with the shortage.

There was an additional aerial class offered to all Central Oregon Fire Departments. It was a good turn-out with five from Jefferson County Fire and three from Redmond Fire. F/F Guintu and F/F White where also able to be a part of it.

Chief Tucker’s vacation from June 22nd through June 25th

Other Good of the Order

The annual BBR homeowners meeting is this coming Saturday.

Last Wednesday, there were close to 100 people at the Station Tour.

The BBR Police Department sponsored a CPR class recently.

The Pickleball folks had questions on AED’s, specifically who maintains them and who makes sure they are up to standards. This is going to be investigated.

NEXT MEETING DATE

July 27, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

Board meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Tom Sawyer

Larry Stuker

Date: July 27, 2023