



BLACK BUTTE RANCH R.F.P.D.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

July 27, 2023

Optional Teleconference Information:

Join the meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone:

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Meeting ID: 897 1106 8096 | **Passcode:** 824235 | **Phone:** +1 253 215 8782 US

Rodger Gabrielson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Board of Directors:

- ✓ Don Bowler (arrived 9:07 am)
- ✓ 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 June 22, 2023 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Larry Stuker, unanimously passed.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report

Comments/Discussion on Treasurer Report:

- Larry visited with the auditors as the auditors asked to see one board member when they were here for the audit.

Motion: Larry Stuker moved to approve the June 2023 financial reports as presented, seconded by Tom Sawyer, unanimously passed.

Chief's Report

Fire and Ambulance Report – D/C Ellison

June 2023, the department responded to the following:

- 42 total calls
- 2 fire
- 18 medical
- 11 ground transports
- 0 air transports
- 4 move-ups
- 18 public assists

- 6 mutual aids
- 2 duty officer responses
- 0 move-up calls
- 2 8 PC's
- Year-to-date calls 187 (36 more than YTD 2022 and 25 more than YTD 2021)

Comments/Discussion on F&A Report:

- The carbon monoxide event at GM Rec is an agenda item at tomorrow's BBR Board meeting.
- Director Sawyer inquired if there had been increased injuries at the pickleball courts. Response: there have not.
- Director Gabrielson inquired if it would be helpful to have a member from BBR Fire at the BBR Board meeting tomorrow. Response: most likely not, since it is a ranch issue and is their system, and their system that seems to be failing. BBR Fire simply comes in for EMS response.
- Discussion on prescribed burns and how they pertain to FS lands.
- Discussion on SB80 as another wildfire hazard map has been created due to the failure of the last one.
- Many of the district's policies pertaining to wildfire mitigation are a direct extension of OSFM.
- Inquiry if having a machine that mows down the bitterbrush would be helpful for the Ranch. Director Gibson stated the Ranch already has one but lacks the staffing to operate it.

**Chief Ellison discussed:
Strategic Planning & Goals**
No new report.

Fire GH104 & GH105

There was a brush fire at GH104 & 105. A passerby and BB Lookout both called it in. ODF came out to investigate it. It was away from the road and homes. The cause was undetermined.

Firewise Report

There is a lot of discussion on pine needles; OSFM is recommends 100 ft. from the structure or to the property line.

There is concern about insurance companies not insuring homes in areas like BBR.

Chief Ellison enjoyed the BBR homeowners meeting, especially Director Gabrielson's games.

Chief Ellison explained what the BBR ambassador program is and does. They are an education piece to the Ranch and help with communication. They recently offered a basic CPR class. They will also help with evacuations in the event a fire nears BBR. Director Gabrielson further explained that the committee comprises representatives from each housing section on the ranch.

Chief Tucker discussed:

Audit – Information Only

Jamie stated the audit took place on July 21st, and went well. The only recommendation is to have Chief Tucker sign off on the credit card statements.

Forest Management Report

At the last meeting, Cathy Ellis had new senate bill information to present. The committee set up three plots to show the Forest Management Committee different scenarios and what would happen if certain rules were required.

Discussion on SB80, which is an add-on to SB762.

Director Gabrielson complemented Director Gibson on the work and expertise he has given to the Ranch. The BBR RFPD Board is lucky to have him.

Director Stuker spoke about D/C Phillips bringing a representative from OSFM to his lot to show what his lot would become if they followed all the SB rules. The OSFM representative stated there needs to be some level of common sense in deciding what vegetation stays or is hazardous. The rules seem to be becoming more and more complicated about wildfire mitigation.

The Ranch Natural Resource employees have done great in helping and being involved.

Director Gabrielson discussed:

President’s Report

Director Gabrielson presented a printout from the OSFM website, titled OREGON DEFENSIBLE SPACE FOR HOMEOWNERS & RENTERS, which included best practices language and a checklist. OSFM also provides a defensible space assessment location tool.

Director Gabrielson spoke about the recent disruptions of service with Verizon. His concern is does dialing 911 still work if your cell phone is in SOS mode, which it does.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2023-0727-R-A: OSFM Staffing Grant Appropriation – Approval Needed

Motion: Don Bowler moved to approve Resolution 2023-0727-R-A: OSFM Staffing Grant Appropriation accepting \$22,000 from Oregon State Fire Marshal, which was not anticipated when the original budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 was adopted, seconded by Rodger Gabrielson, unanimously passed.

Contract for Fire Protection on 2nd Peterson Property - No Longer Needed

Chief Tucker reported the Peterson property now only has one structure on it. The mobile home has since been removed, and is currently for sale.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Radios

The department has some radios that are no longer being used and could be better utilized by the BBR Police and its Ambassador Program.

Motion: Tom Sawyer moved to approve the unused radio to be given to BBR Police for their Ambassador Program, seconded by Larry Stuker, unanimously passed.

Next meeting: Mike Robillard, Owner & President of Mountain View Insurance Services - Current Homeowners' Insurance Market Atmosphere.

Informational only, Mike Robillard will attend the next meeting to give a professional view on homeowner's insurance.

Thank You Letter

Chief Tucker provided a "thank you" letter from a patient acknowledging FF-EMT White and FF-P Guintu for their performance on the call.

Road to Cold Springs

D/C Ellison gave an update that Mark Christy with CEC sent a letter to the CEO of CEC regarding the road condition from the back gate to Cold Springs Road. Waiting to hear what the CEO's response is.

BBR CFO/COO

Kyle Cummings is coming back to the Ranch as the CFO/COO.

NEXT MEETING DATE

August 24, 2023 – Board of Directors Meeting – 9:00 am

ADJOURNMENT

Board meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Tom Sawyer

Larry Stuker

Date: August 24, 2023