



BLACK BUTTE RANCH R.F.P.D.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 28, 2023

Optional Teleconference Information:

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Rodger Gabrielson called the meeting to order at 9:01 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 August 24, 2023 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Larry Stuker, unanimously passed.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report

Motion: Tom Sawyer moved to approve the July 2023 corrected financial reports (corrections highlighted in yellow on report) as presented and the August 2023 financial reports as presented, seconded by Larry Stuker, unanimously passed.

Chief's Report

Fire and Ambulance Report – D/C Ellison

August 2023, the department responded to the following:

- 60 total calls
- 1 fire
- 36 medical
- 8 ground transports
- 1 air transport
- 2 move-ups
- 21 public assists
- 9 mutual aids
- 5 duty officer responses

- 0 move-up calls
- 1 8 PC
- Year-to-date calls 322 (80 more than YTD 2022 and 63 more than YTD 2021)

Comments/Discussion on F&A Report:

- D/C Ellison was sent on two federal Type II teams, which the department will be reimbursed for.
- With 60 calls for the month, the department could still manage the academy and meet mutual aid requests.
- Inquiry on the status of increasing ambulance rates.

Chief Ellison discussed:

Strategic Planning & Goals

D/C Ellison presented the BODs with the strategic plan meeting document from January 24, 2023. In the previous board meeting, he had asked the BODs to review this document and come back to this meeting to discuss and review any questions they may have. President Gabrielson inquired about the “Wage Reviews” bullet point, specifically his concern about not getting enough candidates to fill open positions. D/C Ellison feels an upward trend in people entering paramedic programs is happening, to the point of people being turned away from them. D/C Ellison also feels it is essential to be competitive with comparable departments. This will continue to be reviewed, especially as union negotiations are nearing. The current union contract expires in June 2026.

A strategic plan meeting will be scheduled in October with the Strategic Plan Committee to review the goals outlined in the document.

Larry inquired about how we are doing on grants. D/C Ellison stated one is being submitted right now. If successful in getting it, it would provide funds for the NW Fire Peer Support Team. Along with this one, the department is always looking for grant opportunities.

The department is still utilizing the OSFM Wildfire Grant by continuing one additional staff member brought on in June 2023.

Firewise Report

Dave Gibson reported that in the past, the Ranch has been able to make \$30K in needle pile pickup, but since offering it for free, the Ranch has only made \$7K. The cost to pick up roadside homeowner needle piles is \$50K.

At the last Firewise meeting, D/C Ellison was able to pass along information that Michael Robillard, from Mt. View Insurance, presented at the previous BODs meeting.

Christina, from Tollgate, attended the last Firewise meeting to get some insight on what BBR is doing to be successful with its Firewise program.

D/C Ellison talked about a letter one of the homeowners submitted to his insurance company. Some of the information that pertained to the fire department in that letter was incorrect, so Chief Tucker wrote a very received letter about the department's staffing. He also added other important information to it. This letter will be on a link to the BBR website for homeowners.

D/C Ellison spoke with Mark Christy regarding CEC being a partner in repairing the road from the BBR back gate to Cold Springs Rd (the area most needed). Unfortunately, CEC has elected not to be a partner. D/C Ellison will continue to pursue other avenues and hopefully have an opportunity to sit down with Kyle from BBR regarding it. Chief Tucker may draft a letter to the BBR Board regarding the importance of maintaining that road.

Forest Management Report

Some people from the State of Oregon met with Jody, Jacob Derksen, and Dave Gibson. All of them toured the common ground areas together.

Dave highlighted the following:

- The Ranch is divided into three sections based on the Forest Management Plan.
- The group looked at all the common ground areas and tried to prioritize them based on which area needed the most work.
- From that, they developed a ten-year plan.
- The state states the Ranch needs to get busy working on the plan; however, they also say the Ranch is different.
- The plan is to start in the central section, with the area by the 11th fairway (\$6K) and the area by Glacier Lilly (\$10K) being the priorities. After that, they plan on working on 50% of the rest of the central section in the first year.
- A Forest Management Plan is important because it helps get grants.

A map provided by the State of Oregon is supposed to be available by the end of 2023.

Chief Tucker discussed:

Chief Tucker mentioned that in driving around the Ranch, he has noticed that there are not many ground and ladder fuels.

Director Gabrielson discussed:

President's Report

Rodger reported that the pothole on McAllister is fixed.

OLD BUSINESS

Personnel Changes, Testing – Update

Chief Tucker reported that all the new RV's have passed their EMT test.

The department is ramping back up to do a Firefighter test since the last one expires on October 26, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business to report.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Pancake Feed

The BBR Volunteer Association will host a Pancake Feed on October 22, 2023.

Christmas Gathering – Date?

Chief Tucker presented the idea of doing a Christmas Brunch like last year. The dates that might work are December 2, 3, 9, and 10. Jamie will get input from the staff on what day seems to be the best date.

NEXT MEETING DATE

October 26, 2023 – Board of Directors Meeting – 9:00 am

ADJOURNMENT

Board meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Don Bowler

Tom Sawyer

Date: October 26, 2023