



# BLACK BUTTE RANCH R.F.P.D.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 26, 2023

### *Optional Teleconference Information:*

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

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*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 September 28, 2023 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Don Bowler, unanimously passed.

### **REPORTS**

#### **Treasurer Report**

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

#### **Chief's Report**

#### **Fire and Ambulance Report – D/C Ellison**

September 2023, the department responded to the following:

- 37 total calls
- 1 fire
- 16 medical
- 7 ground transports
- 1 air transport
- 3 move-ups
- 17 public assists
- 7 mutual aids
- 1 duty officer responses
- 0 move-up calls

- 1 8 PC
- Year-to-date calls 359 (90 more than YTD 2022 and 68 more than YTD 2021)

Comments/Discussion on F&A Report:

- A major incident involved a semi-truck. The truck driver jumped out of the semi-truck, and the semi-truck hit an oncoming car. The passenger in the car required an air ambulance. In this same incident, a dog got hit by a passing vehicle.
- There was a one-vehicle incident where the driver wrapped his car around a tree.

### **Strategic Planning & Goals**

Larry Stuker reported on the recent strategic plan meeting. The main takeaway is concern in the following areas: wages, apparatus replacement, and alternative revenue sources.

In regard to:

- Wages: Neighboring fire agencies have made wage increases. BBR RFPD wants to be and stay competitive.
- Apparatus Replacement: between the COVID pandemic and inflation, wait time for getting a new apparatus and cost have increased immensely.
- Alternative Revenue Source: there are roughly 6500 people who are at the Ranch during July, but 300 people (BBR constituents) pay for fire services. Looking at a way where Ranch visitors pay a public service fee.

There was also discussion on recruitment and retention, training and professional development, communications, residency requirements, and offering more classes to the public (i.e., CPR, AED, Stroke Awareness.)

Rodger proposed setting up a board workshop to discuss the above concerns.

Chief Tucker discussed that future September elections have now been moved to August. Because of the move, there will need to be an education piece for the next levy. Many constituents are used to elections being in September. During the last levy election, the BODs took a section of the homeowner directory and cold-called. Chief Tucker also supplied the board members with talking points/Q&A.

Tom mentioned that PERS is short because the State of Oregon PERS system is not getting the expected returns.

The Strategic Plan Committee will meet again in six (6) months.

### **Growth Report - INFORMATONAL**

Chief Tucker presented the BODs with a Growth Report. Some of the significant properties highlighted in the report are BBR Lodge, GM13, EM7, and SM207. While these properties don't solve the budget, they certainly help the budget.

### **Firewise Report**

The last Firewise meeting included the following:

- Dave Gibson reported that the Firewise Committee must report all the hours put towards the Firewise initiative. Dave and Carol Gibson alone have 370 hours.
- Some homeowners are having their current homeowner insurance plans canceled.
- There is no dedicated tree faller staff member at the Ranch anymore.

**Forest Management Report**

The Forest Management Plan was created for free by the State of Oregon. Even with the plan, BBR is a little 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.

**Director Gabrielson discussed:**

**President’s Report**

Rodger mentioned working with the Resident Volunteer Association on getting the word out better on pancake feeds. The last one had low attendance.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No old business to report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

East Gate Evacuation Road Proposal: Resolution 2023-1026-R-A

**Motion:** Tom Sawyer moved to approve Resolution 2023-1026-R-A: Resolution in Support of the Black Butte Ranch Safety and Evacuation Proposal, seconded by Don Bowler, unanimously passed.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**Christmas Gathering – Saturday 12/2/23 ???**

The Christmas gathering will be on December 2, 2023 at 10:00 am.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

**November 23, 2023 – Board of Directors Meeting – 9:00 am (Thanksgiving Day – consider moving to November 16 or November 30, 2023)**

It was determined to have the next meeting on November 30, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Board meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.*

**OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Approved by Tom Sawyer

Larry Stuker

Date: November 30, 2023