



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

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 25, 2024

### *Optional Teleconference Information:*

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*Rodger Gabrielson called the meeting to order at 9:04 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:** Don Bowler moved to approve the November 30, 2023 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Tom Sawyer, unanimously passed.

### **REPORTS**

#### **Treasurer Report**

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

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

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

November 2023, the department responded to the following:

- 17 total calls
- 1 fire
- 10 medical
- 1 ground transports
- 0 air transports
- 0 move-up
- 6 public assists
- 1 mutual aid
- 2 duty officer responses
- 0 move-up call

- 0 8-PC
- Year-to-date calls 407 (89 more than YTD 2022 and 82 more than YTD 2021)

December 2023, the department responded to the following:

- 30 total calls
- 1 fire
- 14 medical
- 4 ground transports
- 0 air transports
- 1 move-up
- 14 public assists
- 10 mutual aid
- 2 duty officer responses
- 1 move-up call
- 1 8-PC
- Year-to-date calls 437 (93 more than YTD 2022 and 73 more than YTD 2021)

Comments/Discussion on F&A Report:

- D/C Ellison reported it has been a very busy year regarding call volume.
  - Coverage has been good.
  - Very successful year.
  - The Lodge fire alarm calls can contribute to the higher call volume.

### **Strategic Planning & Goals**

Update on the department:

- F/F Schuhmann has completed her clinicals with Silverton Hospital.
  - The remainder of her internship will be at Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire and Redmond Fire.
  - She hopes to receive her paramedic license by the end of March 2024.
- F/F White is working hard on studying for his paramedic test. He will take the paramedic test next Wednesday.
- Ambulance 872 repairs will be completed next week.
- The burn-to-learns at the old Forest Service (FS) buildings allowed many to train with live fire. In the end, all Captains are certified in live fire.
  - The large FS administration building cannot be burned but can be used for instruction. i.e., cut open the roof, etc.

### **Firewise Report**

Firewise was re-approved for another cycle.

Cathy Ellis is stepping down from the Firewise Committee, and new members are joining.

\$130,000 is needed for the powerline road.

The committee is currently planning for the following year. They intend to offer needle pick-up in May instead of June (like last year).

Lot certifications are continuing to be done.

There will be evacuation meetings once a month.

Rodger thanked the committee for their leadership in fuels mitigation and addressing the importance of repairing the powerline road.

Ken Spearing reached out to D/C Ellison and asked if he would be willing to provide a short (10 - 15 minute) presentation to the BBR BODs on February 23 for the board better to understand the status and challenges of the Fire Department.

### **Forest Management Report**

Dave Gibson reported two parcels (one being the area by the 11th fairway) will be worked on for tree removal. Dave is waiting for James with 4 Brothers Tree Service to determine the date.

### **Chief Tucker discussed:**

All discussion is in old and new business.

### **Director Gabrielson discussed:**

#### **President's Report**

No new report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Review December 14th & January 10th Work Sessions**

Chief Tucker reviewed some of the discussion points from the last board work session:

- The next local option levy should be at \$2.21.
- It is recommended that the district pay down PERS by putting either \$500,000 or \$1 million into a side account.
- The PERS Projection Tool came out yesterday. Chief Tucker input figures into it; however, he is still navigating it.
- Historically, interest rates for the LGIP have been between .2%-4%.
- Admin is starting to work through increasing ambulance rates.
  - Chief Tucker feels that, at some point, the department should remove the levy waiver and push constituents to sign up for FireMed.
- The current local option rate is \$1.76; however, the district has only imposed \$1.56. The 2024/2025 will reflect an imposed rate of \$1.76.
- The planning and purchasing of new apparatus are being held off at this point. D/C Ellison is researching refurbishing some of our current apparatus versus buying new ones. This option helps keep costs down.
- \$2.21 will most likely be the proposed rate for the next local option renewal rate. PERS is what is pushing that upward rate.
- Chief Tucker believes the district must put additional funds into a PERS side account even after he retires. Also, joining the PERS pool may be a smart move in the future.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Board Direction of FY 2024/25 Imposed Levy Rate – Discussion/Approval**

Based on the discussion above, the following motion was made:

**Motion:** Don Bowler moved to impose a local option rate of \$1.76 for the 2024/2025 budget, seconded by Tom Sawyer, and unanimously passed.

**PERS Side Account Rate Inquiry – Approval**

Chief Tucker also reviewed the options for paying down the PERS unfunded liability by putting funds into a side account. He had a spreadsheet showing the possibilities. *It was the consensus of the board to pay \$1,250 to get a PERS rate re-evaluation done with putting either \$500,000 or \$1 million into a side account.*

Another option would be to put \$500,000 into a side account now and then an additional \$500,000 when the EIF is offered again if it is offered again.

**SDIS General Liability Insurance Renewal – Review**

2024 General Liability Insurance Renewal is included in the board packet for review only.

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**Awards Banquet – March 14**

A reminder that the annual awards dinner and banquet is March 14, 2024.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

**Work session for February, if needed**

Consensus that a February work session is not needed.

**Apparatus**

Discussion on apparatus needs; does the district refurbish current apparatus or buy new ones? D/C Ellison has only met with Pierce but plans to meet with other apparatus dealers. Having the aerial means something for the training of students, especially once they leave BBR RFPD. Aerial training is a good certificate to have when moving on to their full-time jobs.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

<b>OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES</b>	
Approved by <u>Don Bowler</u>  <u>Larry Stuker</u>	Date: <u>February 22, 2024</u>