



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

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

July 26th, 2024

### *Optional Teleconference Information:*

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*Rodger Gabrielson called the meeting to order at 9:05 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 June 27, 2024 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Larry Stuker, unanimously passed.

### **REPORTS**

#### **Treasurer Report**

**Motion:** Don Bowler moved to approve the June 2024 financial reports as presented, seconded by Dave Gibson, unanimously passed.

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

##### **Fire and Ambulance Report**

Chief Tucker reported on behalf of D/C Ellison. D/C Ellison has had the opportunity to work on a Type 3 team for the following fires: Darlene 3, Larch Creek and Round Mountain. D/C Ellison has received many accolades for his work.

##### **Strategic Planning & Goals**

Nothing to report.

##### **Chief Tucker discussed:**

Chief gave a status report on apparatus:

- 891 (Utility Vehicle) has been taken to Van Handel Automotive to replace the cam phase sensor.

- 843 (Type 3 Brush Rig) had engine failure and has been taken to Peterson Truck to potentially have the engine rebuilt. The repairs could cost upwards of \$35,000. Once Peterson Truck has the parts, it should take them about a week to make the repair(s). Due to 843 being out of service, the department is able to respond locally with 841. When 841 goes out on a call, Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire brings their brush rig to our department.
  - Due to the nature of the repairs to 843, long range planning has begun and the department is looking at replacing 843 with another Type 6.
    - Chief Tucker had a meeting with Dave Hyland to discuss replacing 843 with a Type 6. Dave did not think this would be a problem with regard to ISO rating. Dave also thought if the ladder truck got replaced with another type of apparatus, it would take the ISO rating down to 75, which would still keep the district at a rating of 3.
  - To put a fire package on a chassis will cost anywhere from \$100,000-\$200,000 and it could be as far out as 22 months.
  - The plan is to repair 843 and make a decision on the next step thereafter.
- 871 (Ambulance) has an emissions issue and has to have the EGR replaced. The total cost of the fix will be about \$4,300.
- 872 (Ambulance) engine ceased and was taken to Kendall Ford. Kendall Ford thought the repairs would cost about \$10,000. Sisters loaned the district an ambulance until 871 is back.
- Resolution: 2024-0726-R-B: 843 & 871 Contingency Transfer \$20,000 addresses covering the expense of some of the apparatus repairs.

### **Firewise Report**

Discussion on the new state map that recently came out. Black Butte Ranch is considered “moderate” however all around the ranch is “high.” This lead to discussion on pine needles. Raking pine needles it not necessarily always good. The needles put nutrition back into the ground. They also allow the ground to have some moisture. Last year, the Ranch spent \$80,000 in the “free pickup” initiative. Once the needles are picked up and taken to Section 5, the Ranch then hauls the needles from Section 5 to another location.

### **Forest Management Report**

The Forest Management team marked another section (across from the fire department and an area in Glaze Meadow) for cleanup. The big common area on Glacier Lilly has only been worked on for one day.

### **Director Gabrielson discussed:**

#### **President’s Report**

Rodger Gabrielson inquired about water supply on the Ranch. Chief Tucker stated utilities and wells are well defined in the event resources come in to assist with a fire.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Policy Review – none this month.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2024-0726-R-A: OSFM Staffing Grant Appropriation – Approval Needed**

**Motion:** Don Bowler moved to approve Resolution 2024-0726-R-A: OSFM Staffing Grant Appropriation as presented, seconded by Larry Stuker, unanimously passed.

**Resolution 2024-0726-R-B: 843 & 871 Contingency Transfer \$20,000 – Approval Needed**

**Motion:** Don Bowler moved to approve Resolution 2024-0726-R-B: 843 & 871 Contingency Transfer \$20,00 as presented, seconded by Larry Stuker, unanimously passed.

**Hiring Process – Approval to Hire at EMT Basic Level – Approval Needed**

F/F Smith is leaving the department for a new opportunity in Bend which leads us to a new hiring process for FF/Paramedic. The announcement for the open position will go out next week. A Civil Service Commission meeting took place last week. Chief Tucker is asking for the boards authorization to hire back down to the level of EMT (like done with F/F Schuhmann and F/F White). The plan in the meantime is to hire Matt Linker as a temporary. Matt is currently on temporary assignment with Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire until the end of August. Matt will start September 1<sup>st</sup> with BBR RFPD. He will remain on the same shift as he has been with Sisters. The estimated start date for the newly hired FF/Paramedic is November 1, 2024.

**Motion:** Don Bowler moved to approve to hire at EMT Basic Level for the current Firefighter/Paramedic testing, seconded by Larry Stuker, unanimously passed.

**Wildland Apparatus Future Make-up - Discussion**

Discussed above under Chief’s Report.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Watch Duty is a great app to give up-to-date information on fires.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

August 22, 2024 – Board of Directors Meeting – 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Board meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.*

**OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Approved by Don Bowler

Larry Stuker

Date: August 22, 2024