Black Butte Ranch R.F.P.D.

Board Of Directors Meeting

October 22, 2015

Rodger Gabrielson called the meeting to order at 08:59 a.m.

Board of Directors:

- ✓ Rodger Gabrielson
- ✓ Rich Elliott
- ✓ Mac Hay
- ✓ Don Bowler
- ✓ Dave Gibson

Administration:

- ✓ Chief Dan Tucker
- ✓ Deputy Chief Dave Phillips
- ✓ Jamie Vohs

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Don Bowler moved to approve the August 27th, 2015 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Mac Hay, unanimously passed.

REPORTS

Treasurers Report

Motion: Don Bowler moved to accept the July 2015 financial reports as presented, seconded by Dave Gibson, unanimously passed.

Chief's Report – Chief Dan Tucker

Chief Tucker discussed:
872 (ambulance) broke down. The crank bearings went bad and had to be replaced. They were replaced with a newer version of the old bearings. The whole bottom end of the engine was replaced. Ford Roadside reimbursed the department for the expense of having it towed. The department was able to shore up relations with Robberson Ford; they came to the understanding that timeliness is key to getting our repairs done.

Chief Tucker presented a graph showing Real Market Values (RMV) versus Taxable Assessed Values (TAV) within Black Butte Ranch. The good news is RMVs are starting to increase (move upward). Homes are assessed between July and September with the book being presented in October.

Chief talked about the court case with Comcast, which in turn affects Bend Broadband. Since 2009 there has been a court case stating that cable companies should be taxed as a utility. The difference between being taxed as a utility versus a standard business is that you have to pay taxes on all assets, property and buildings as a utility versus just property and

buildings as a standard business. Comcast is taking the lead on this but all the other cable companies have their appeals pending the results of this case. Some highlights from this court case:

- The lower court ruled that Bend Broadband was NOT considered a utility.
- The Supreme Court ruled that Bend Broadband WAS a utility.
- The case was brought back down to the lower court to determine how this situation was going to be handled (current mode).
- During this whole process the Deschutes County Tax Assessor opted to defer the taxes on Bend Broadband. Reason being, the Assessor did not want to collect on the funds and then have the court case go in the opposite direction. If this did happen Deschutes County would have to pay that money back plus 60% interest.
- This case did not mean much until Bend Broadband sold to TDS Baha which required them to be revalued. They were revalued at $218 million versus $70 million.
- Being revalued means $148 million is being deferred.
- Deschutes County will not collect on $148 million due to collection rate (have to factor in things like the 3% discount for paying all of your taxes at once).
- Net effect puts BBR RFPD ahead about $16,000.

Chief planned for a 2% growth rate for the 2015/2016 budget and the actual growth rate came in at 3.84%. Don Bowler reported October real estate sales (to date) were 8 sold and 4 pending.

The Police Department has hired a new Sergeant. His name is Tim Edwards and is ex Deschutes County. He will be working 3 days a week.

The recent power outage has been a bit problematic for CEC. It appears that many of the lines on the ranch are direct buried versus buried in conduit. As problems occur CEC tries to replace lines. The station generator continued to run even though power was restored. After Chief did some researching, he learned that when reading the station meter there are 3 phases of lines. One of the phases faulted causing the generator to not turn off.

Fire and Ambulance Report – Chief Dan Tucker

September 2015 the department responded to 4 fire calls, 8 engine assists and 19 medicals with 6 transports.

- Total calls for September (31) were very typical except for the bus crash. There were 40 kids on the bus at the time of the crash; none were injured. The individual who crashed into the bus was pronounced DOA. Sisters School District helped by bringing a bus to the scene and then transported the kids to Sisters High School.
  - This could have been a lot worse than what it was. The good thing is that our staff is trained for events like this. Typically what happens is, if law enforcement arrives first, they will provide information and control. Fire then arrives and assess the hazards, determines the number of patients, and call for more ambulances if needed.
- The unexpected victim in this incident was the mother-in-law who was driving in front of the individual who hit the bus.

- The incident was eventually turned over to law enforcement since there was a fatality involved.

Chairman's Report
No Report

OLD BUSINESS
Paving – update
The parking lot paving project is complete. There was a little scare over the weekend that trickled into Monday. The parking lot was paved on Friday which meant they packed the gravel on Thursday. Friday evening the staff started noticing a smell. On Monday, Chief Tucker noticed the toilet in the bay bathroom was backing up. Something wasn't right so Swen (from Utilities) was called to investigate the problem.

The assumption was a line broke when the paving crew packed the gravel. What really happened was rocks had fallen into the line when one of the cleanout lids was opened. Roto Rooter came in with a camera which showed the rocks in the line. Utilities came and "hopefully" sucked all the rocks.

The total cost for the parking lot paving project was $43,000. Chief Tucker was pleased with the results. It was nice because Rick (from maintenance) took out 3 trees so that an area of the road could be widened. Also, an old bike path was removed.

Ambulance Purchase – update
The ambulance purchase is underway and it is starting to be built. This new ambulance will be on a Ford chassis and will be built similar to 872. The old ambulance (871) is hardly used as it is not very reliable.

NEW BUSINESS
911 Resolution – approval (if available)
The BBR RFPD Board of Directors previously approved a resolution in support of Deschutes County 911 going for a new permanent base rate so they can implement a countywide radio system.

Steve Reinke (Deschutes 911 Director) is currently trying to determine what the new tax base rate should be. A meeting of the user board recently happened. In order for this to move forward, 911 needs support from 2/3 of the overall districts population. Basically what this means is, if Bend does not support this new tax, it will not happen. Bend was holding out because they want to go for a gas tax and didn't want this to hinder it. Ultimately in the end they have come to work together with the finance teams from the County, City of Bend and Deschutes County 911.

The current base rate for Deschutes 911 is 36.18. What they will be asking for in the May or November election is a 42.5 base rate in hopes of it working for them until at least year 2030.

If this option does not pass, the alternative is potential user fees. Currently the Police Department pays $7,400 in user fees and could go to about $12,000 if it does not pass. BBR RFPD is kind of out of it because the department is still on vhf.

If this does pass, there are many advantages to it:

- Schools, hospitals, etc can subscribe to this system.
- Communications, such as the bus accident, may be able to communicate with other entities directly versus in a roundabout way.
- Another fire dispatcher will be added.

Electronic Funds Transfer(s) – approval

Motion: Rodger Gabrielson moved to approve the Electronic Funds Transfers as presented, seconded by Rich Elliott, unanimously passed.

Bank of the Cascades (Credit Card Update) – approval

Due to the department receiving new credit cards and the changes in rules with regard to the chip in them, Chief Tucker proposed that the aggregate amount of the credit cards be changed from $5,000 to $15,000. This amount would be split up into 4 credit cards the following way:

- Chief Tucker $5,000
- Deputy Chief Phillips $4,000
- Admin (Jamie) $4,000
- Conflagration $2,000

Motion: Don Bowler moved to approve the aggregate amount of the 4 department credit cards (splits above) from $5,000 to $15,000, seconded by Rich Elliott, unanimously passed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Best Practices

Chief Tucker presented to the board members options to helping improve the department's Best Practices percentage with SDAO.

Trees on The Ranch

Dave Gibson reported the following:

- Bear Mountain Fire has started thinning trees north of the board walk.
- Jeff and Dave have marked all the corners/lines on the east side of the ranch against forest service property. Dave will start marking trees once he meets with FEMA.
- November 6th, 2015 a meeting is scheduled with Ed Keith.
- Black Butte Ranch was the only entity mentioned in the news for the FEMA Grant.

Outdoor Debris Burning

Outdoor Debris Burning will open on Saturday and will remain open until fire season.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Board Meeting November 19th, 2015 @ 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Meeting Adjourned 10:10 a.m.

OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by: Don Bowler

Rich Elliott Date: November 19, 2015