Black Butte Ranch R.F.P.D.

Board Of Directors Meeting

February 23, 2017

Rodger Gabrielson called the meeting to order at 09:05 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

Guest: Firefighter Earnest

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Don Bowler moved to approve the January 26, 2017 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Rich Elliott, unanimously passed.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report

Rich Elliott reported that the department is half way through the fiscal year. Currently revenues are at 94% which is normal for this time of year.

Rodger Gabrielson inquired about the sprinkler repair in the amount of $1429.72. This expense was for the repair of the overhead fire sprinklers. A clapper valve needed to be replaced, all valves were checked, and drains were put in some of the areas of the bay. Lastly, the system needed to be recharged.

Motion: Don Bowler moved to accept the January 2017 financial reports as presented, seconded by Rodger Gabrielson, unanimously passed.

Chief's Report – Chief Dan Tucker

Fire and Ambulance Report – Chief Dan Tucker

January 2017 the department responded to 4 fire calls, 4 engine assists and 18 medicals with 6 transports.

There are changes coming in the future on how we look at responses. This change will be countywide due to the implementation of Intera. Intera is a situational awareness app that is going to be placed on the ipads. It will provide for pre-plans to be seen (currently these plans are available in paper form). This will be of great value in that it allows the staff to see the plans of any commercial building. It will also allow for hydrants to be located more

easily, which is important especially if another agency comes in to assist with a fire. Lastly, it will provide statistical data.

Chief Tucker discussed:
Apple has released more ipads for free. In getting the ipads, the department will be able to outfit all the apparatus with one. Deschutes 911 will be picking up the tab on the Intera app for the first year. After that, the app should cost the department less than $600 per year. The only item that will not be on Intera is the ability to put the staff in route. Hopefully this will come with time.

Deschutes 911 is making progress with the new radio system. Deschutes County can now hear units on the I-5 corridor. Deschutes 911 now has the ability to reprogram radios over the air, which means the efficiencies of radio development is increasing however the IT skill of most departments is not. With the shift in radios, radio users are seeing a need for specialized IT. Deschutes 911 is looking at outsourcing their IT.

Cooperative training with Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire is increasing. There is a lot more mutual training and services that are aligning.

The primary instructor for the joint academy at DPSST last year is now a Fire Chief at Crooked River Ranch. DPSST is having a hard time bringing in regional instructors to replace him. With that said, DPSST will not be offering a joint academy again this year. Chief Tucker is exploring the options of hiring an instructor here.

Chief Tucker is also looking at hiring a couple of seasonal employees from Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire for the upcoming fire season. BBR RFPD will then offer a couple of resident volunteers to be hired at Sisters-Camp Sherman to work for them. This is a good way for some of our resident volunteers to get more experience, make a little money and still be close to BBR RFPD.

Chief Tucker and the staff are currently working on the budget. At this point in time, Chief Tucker feels that it will be adequate to keep the local option rate the same at $1.56 per $1,000.

The station had some water damage from the recent snow event. Chief Tucker is trying to get that all buttoned up. One of the main items on the list of repairs is to replace the carpet. Right now, the carpet replacement is in limbo until pricing is determined. This will be the big determination on if more contingency money will need to be transferred by resolution.

Chief Tucker may have to have surgery on his right shoulder as he may have a partial tear of his rotator cuff.

President's Report – Rodger Gabrielson
Rodger Gabrielson welcomed F/F Earnest to the meeting.

Rodger gave an update on Chief Roger Johnson's health.

Rodger inquired how BBR RFPD has been involved with the anticipated flooding in Sisters Country and beyond. Chief Tucker explained he had been attending EOC meetings. Originally Bend was going to stand up their own EOC due to the number of roofs collapsing. Instead Nathan Garibay announced a countywide EOC.

Due to the nature of Whychus Creek and the concern that it may flood, Sisters opened up their own EOC, which included BBR RFPD. Thankfully a lot of the rain water was soaked up by the light snow and flooding did not happen as projected.

There were a few incidents around the Ranch that were caused by the recent snow event:

- Black Butte home deck collapsed
- Chunk of ice fell onto a deck causing damage
- Chunk of ice fell onto a vehicle, denting the hood

The recent snow event will most likely cause homeowner insurance rates to increase in this area due to all of the filed claims.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business to report on.

NEW BUSINESS

Amendment to Fire Chief's Contract - Approve

Chief Tucker presented the BOD's with an amended employment contract for himself to be able to retire from active service with BBR RFPD effective March 31, 2017. It also allows him to return to employment full time with BBR RFPD effective April 2, 2017. Some of the discussion points are highlighted below:

- Allows Chief Tucker to retire out of PERS.
- The district would not have to pay PERS on him once he retires.
- How long can Chief Tucker work on under this amended contract? As long as both parties (Chief Tucker & BOD) agree on it.
- Sunriver Fire and BBR Police also have the option of working back under the exception rule that Black Butte Ranch RFPD has with PERS.
    - This exception rule became an option to BBR RFPD because Gill Sakaro went to legislature for the department.
- There is long term benefits to both Chief Tucker and BBR RFPD in doing it this way.
    - Allows Chief Tucker to bank some of his retirement.
    - Allows BBR RFPD to not have to pay PERS on Chief Tucker while employed.
- Chief Sherrell did this option as well.
- Having the exception benefits the department because well qualified people want to work here.
- BOD wanted to make sure Chief Tucker understood his options on survivorship, as there are three options for this.

Motion: Don Bowler moved to accept the Fire Chief (Dan Tucker) Amended Contract which states Dan Tucker will retire from active service with Black Butte Ranch RFPD on March 31, 2017 and shall return to employment full time with Black Butte Ranch RFPD as Fire Chief under the ORS 238.082 (5)(d) exception that allows full time employment of an Oregon PERS retired employee and will resume accrued benefits and balances of vacation time, holiday time, sick leave, health/life insurance and all former contractual obligations as they were on March 31, 2017 with the following exception: Black Butte Ranch RFPD will no longer make contributions (either the Districts portion or on behalf of Dan Tucker) to Oregon PERS, seconded by Rich Elliott, unanimously passed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Don Bowler informed the group of an Ice Dam Seminar that will be happening on March 2, 2017 at 3:00 pm at the Black Butte Ranch Community Center. Don will email the information to Jamie so she may put it on the department's website and facebook page.

Elections will take place for two newly elected BBR RFPD board members on May 16, 2017. Jamie believes both interested candidates have filed their paperwork with Deschutes County Elections Office.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Board Meeting March 23, 2017 @ 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Meeting Adjourned 10:14 a.m.

OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Don Bowler

Rich Elliott Date: March 23, 2017