Black Butte Ranch R.F.P.D.

Board Of Directors Meeting

September 24, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this meeting was done by teleconference. Information for this meeting was as follow: https://www.gotomeet.me/BBRFire/board-meeting-9242020 phone: United States: +1 (571) 317-3112, access code; 462-542-373

Rodger Gabrielson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Board of Directors:

- ✓ Don Bowler
- ✓ Rodger Gabrielson
- Dave Gibson
- ✓ Tom Sawyer (came into meeting after Treasurer Report)
- ✓ Larry Stuker

Administration:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Don Bowler moved to accept the August 27, 2020 meeting minutes, seconded by Rodger Gabrielson, unanimously passed.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report

The August Treasurer Report's motion was not made as Larry Stuker was not in attendance when the agenda item was ready to be reported. Approval of the August Treasurer Reports will need to be voted on at the October 2020 meeting.

A couple of line items were noted:

- Turnouts are personal protection gear that firefighters wear.
- The two checks written to Accuity were for the final closing of the 2019/2020 books.
- There was an issue with the ladder truck, which required it be taken in to be worked on.
- 851 had to have new tires put on it.

Chief's Report
Fire and Ambulance Report – D/C Phillips
August 2020 the department responded to the following:

- 44 total calls
- 6 fire
- 29 medical
- 8 transports
- 0 air transport
- 2 move-ups
- 7 public assist
- 10 mutual aids
- Year to date calls 197 (33 calls less than YTD 2019)

Inquire on Sisters area and growth: past practice was for BBR RFPD to stage at Indian Ford Road when SCSF requested a move-up. Staging then moved to the front of The Ranch. Even more recently, BBR RFPD is moving to SCSF's station. Sisters is seeing growth. Chief Tucker will revisit with Chief Johnson regarding strategies for supporting each other as the growth continues.

Chief Tucker and D/C Phillips discussed:
Chief Tucker and D/C Phillips reported on the following fires and task force activations:

White River Fire was located in Wasco County and started to become a threat to communities. D/C Phillips was brought on as a Task Force Leader, and he and his team stayed there for three nights. His responsibility was to protect the upper flats area.

Lionshead Fire began August 16, 2020 and was started by lightning in the Lionshead Canyon on the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation approximately 14 miles west of the Warm Springs community. A historic windstorm arrived in the area on Monday, September 7, rapidly spreading the fire west onto the Willamette, Deschutes, and Mt. Hood National Forests. This fire eventually became one fire with the Beachie Fire. Once the fire impacted Detroit's town, the district sent Captain Earnest and other Firefighters from Central Oregon to Detroit to help. This was a good opportunity for Captain Earnest as it allowed him to complete his Task Force Leader certificate.

Holiday Fire began on September 7, 2020 by an unknown cause. The fire started in the hills to the north of Hwy 126 above the community of Rainbow. Extreme high winds from the northeast drove the fire, impacting the Upper McKenzie and McKenzie Rural Fire Protection Districts.

On Tuesday, September 15, 2020 D/C Phillips was approached by OFCA President, Chief Fred Charlton asking if he would be available to assist the Fire Chief of Upper McKenzie RFPD, Christianna Plews (Chief Rainbow). Chief Rainbow was feeling isolated and overwhelmed with the tragedy of the fire going through her district. Chief Tucker and D/C Phillips both gladly accepted the request to help. D/C Phillips left on a Tuesday, September 15th, and came back fully to the district on Tuesday, September 22nd. Rodger expressed his gratitude in stating "Sending D/C Phillips was the proper thing to do".

During D/C Phillips time in Upper McKenzie, he was able to arrange for chaplains, get command vehicle lights from a totaled command vehicle, arrange for staffing for the next three months and

much more. Jamie was also able to go down for a day to assist Upper McKenzie's Administrative Assistant with any needs she had at that time.

At this point in time, D/C Phillips time assisting Fire Chief Rainbow is considered a donation. White River and Lionshead/Beachie both will get reimbursed through conflagration resources.

Tom inquired if all of these fires make us part of the Green Team, leading D/C Phillips to explain green, red, and blue teams.

D/C Phillips expressed wanting to share his story with the greater people of BBR. He feels there is a lot of value that he gained by going and helping Chief Rainbow. In some fashion, he will be sharing his upfront and personal experience.

Rodger also shared a story regarding Carolyn's cousin, who lives in Phoenix, Oregon. Her cousin and family received a knock on their door in the middle of the night and was told they had 10 minutes to evacuate. The cousins grabbed their hard drive and some collectibles and were out the door. Their home burned to the ground.

The common theme of all the fires that took place on September 7th was the wind. The wind conditions on this day are compared to those conditions of the Paradise Fire. All fires were essentially unstoppable.

President's Report

Rodger drafted a document titled "BBR Wildfire Safety Improvements" that he had initially started writing back in March. The document focuses on three main objectives if Black Butte Ranch were to fall victim to a catastrophic wildfire. The three objectives are as follow:

1. Save Lives
    a. Evacuation
2. Protect Infrastructure
    a. Waste and Water Facilities
3. Safeguard Private Dwellings
    a. Tree Crown Spacing
    b. Tree Removal Compliance

Rodger feels the need to start pressing the management of BBR and the other boards of BBR to start taking some action.

Tom expressed his concerns about wildfires and when is the best time for residents of BBR to evacuate. Level 2 under the Oregon State Evacuation Levels is "BE SET" but should BBR residents consider that as "GO"? Tom also inquired on who has the authority to evacuate residents, which BBR Police have the control. Chief Tucker is tasking himself with reaching out to Nathan Garibay to discuss the cause and effects of looking at each evacuation level differently.

The Ranch currently has an emergency plan regarding this topic, and in that plan are level-based actions.

There will be more discussions and input that will take place in future meetings, and Rodger feels the importance of moving this topic matter along as quickly as possible. He has already spoken

with Jeff Rents, a member of the BBR Finance Committee, and Jeff is quite interested in residents' welfare and safety during a wildfire.

Rodger also expressed concern about what standards should be used for tree spacing. Fire professionals in the area say18-foot crown spacing while ODF states 10-foot spacing. The question of what standard should be used is yet to be determined.

OLD BUSINESS

GM 13 Long Term Status – Continued Discussion

The consensus of the board is to table this agenda item and revisit November 2020.

Budget Committee Open Position – Discussion

The consensus of the board is to table this agenda item and revisit November 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Flu Shots – October 6, 2020 7:30-11:00 am

Reminder to board members to get their flu shots.

Would Normally Schedule "Christmas/Awards Banquet" at This Time??

Ideas and suggestions are welcomed by the board in having a banquet that keeps everyone healthy and safe due to current COVID conditions. D/C Phillips has a couple of ideas and will run them by Chief Tucker.

NEXT MEETING DATES

Board Meeting October 22, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Board meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Tom Sawyer

Don Bowler Date: October 22, 2020