# Black Butte Ranch R.F.P.D.

# Board Of Directors Meeting

**November 21, 2024**

***To attend the meeting by telephone or virtually (video), contact Jamie Vohs at (541) 595-2288 or jvohs@blackbutteranchfire.com***

*Rodger Gabrielson called the meeting to order at 9:10 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 October 24, 2024 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Larry Stuker, unanimously passed.

## REPORTS

### Treasurer Report

**Motion:** Don Bowler moved to approve the October 2024 financial reports as presented, seconded by Tom Sawyer, unanimously passed.

### Chief's Report

### Fire and Ambulance Report

Chief's Report Fire and Ambulance Report – Chief Tucker
October 2024, the department responded to the following:

- 34 total calls
- 2 fire
- 9 medical
- 5 ground transports
- 0 air transports
- 3 move-ups
- 20 public assists
- 6 mutual aids
- 3 duty officer response
- 0 move-up calls

- 0 8-PC
- Year-to-date calls 415 (25 more than YTD 2023 and 118 more than YTD 2022)

**Strategic Planning & Goals**
There is no real update other than progressing and completing the plan/goals.

D/C Ellison has a meeting with an apparatus representative today.

**Chief Tucker Discussed:**
Chief Tucker stated that the OFC and Oregon Fire Service convened to reach out to legislation as many departments are starting to struggle with EMS service. An example would be Baker City and Fossil. The struggle is affecting not only small districts but large ones as well. Chief Tucker identified that Crook County Fire and Rescue goes out miles as their ASA is wide. Sweet Home Fire District and Lebanon Fire District have effects due to their ASA going as far as Tombstone and Mackenzie passes.

In addition, yesterday, COFCA had a meeting with local representatives to discuss this issue. There are currently two legislative considerations:

1. LC711: create balance billing
2. LC 928: establish a $10/month per property fee for all properties to pay for services. It would be like a fire med program. Wherever there is a meter (like through a utility company), then the $10 fee would apply.

The chief stated that the congressional representatives online were very thankful for the awareness. The chief is not sure where this initiative will go but is hopeful, as 17 other states are focusing on it as well.

**Firewise Report & Forest Management Report**
Revisited the plan/document from the Sisters Ranger District that was discussed at the October 24, 2024 BOD meeting. The document identifies the proposed actions, past management, direction, desired conditions, and proposed maintenance in the project area.

**Director Gabrielson discussed:**
**President's Report**
President Gabrielson inquired about the department's organizational structure and wanted to see if there is more of an outreach function. He sees the good work that the staff is doing and wonders if it could be made more known to the constituents by offering classes such as first aid, stroke awareness, etc.

**OLD BUSINESS**
**Policy Review**
Policy Review – none this month

**NEW BUSINESS**
**District Growth Rate**
Chief Tucker stated the district's growth rate is 4.07%.

**Post-work session-discussion if needed**
Chief Tucker summarized the past work session, which focused on the transition that will take place as he has a potential retirement date set. The chief has created a hiring plan with an internal hiring policy and sent it to legal for review.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**
**BBR RFPD Holiday Brunch – Sunday 12/15/24**

**Annual Awards Banquet and Dinner – Tentatively Scheduled for 3/20/25**

**NEXT MEETING DATE**
December – Canceled for Holiday's
January 23, 2024 – Board of Directors Meeting – 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**
*Board meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.*

**OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Approved by Don Bowler

Dave Gibson Date: January 23, 2025