



BLACK BUTTE RANCH R.F.P.D.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 19, 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-11192020> phone: United States: +1 (786) 535-3211, access code: 765-271-885

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

Board of Directors:

- ✓ Don Bowler
- ✓ Rodger Gabrielson
- ✓ Dave Gibson
- ✓ Tom Sawyer
- ✓ Larry Stuker

Administration:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Tom Sawyer moved to accept the October 22nd, 2020 meeting minutes, seconded by Don Bowler, unanimously passed.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report

Chief Tucker noted there will be both revenue and expenses due to COVID.

Motion: Don Bowler moved to accept the October 2020 financial reports as presented, seconded by Tom Sawyer, unanimously passed.

Chief's Report

Fire and Ambulance Report – D/C Phillips

October 2020 the department responded to the following:

- 20 total calls
- 7 fire
- 5 medical
- 2 transports
- 0 air transport
- 4 move-ups
- 4 public assist
- 7 mutual aids
- Year to date calls 239 (49 calls less than YTD 2019)

Chief Tucker and D/C Phillips discussed:**COVID Update**

Rodger acknowledged and thanked the management team for their leadership with regards to COVID-19.

Chief Tucker stated eight staff members were out due to COVID, which is about half of the staff.

Captain Earnest did a phenomenal job taking on some higher-level duties during the station's COVID outbreak. His communication and coordination with the county and staff was well done.

Tom inquired if those staff members that got COVID would be getting the vaccine? Chief Tucker responded with many unknowns with the vaccine right now especially with production, distribution, and storage. There will be a tiered schedule of who gets the vaccine: elderly/high risk, assisted living homes, doctors, nurses, and first responders.

D/C Phillips mentioned the county has been in conversations with area Fire Chiefs about hosting drive up testing sites and getting that system down. The idea would be to transition to drive up vaccination sites (on a scheduled timeframe), with fire departments being potential sites for that. Black Butte Ranch RFPD would most likely not be considered a site however, Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire may be.

Chief Tucker expects the final two staff members who have COVID to return to work within the next two days, putting the department at full staffing.

CARES Act Funds

There were speculations the CARES Act funds may be running out, but Jamie just submitted another \$7000+ for round 6. Round 6 has been accepted, however we will wait to see if a check comes. Expenses that have been submitted have been strictly COVID related expenses.

President's Report

No report.

OLD BUSINESS**BBR Wildfire Improvements – Tabled to January?**

All BBR RFPD BOD's have received the Wildfire Improvement document. Chief Tucker mentioned there is still some massaging to do with it. Rodger would like to get this document in front of the Black Butte Ranch Corporation BOD's with the idea of knowing that the Ranch has a planning session scheduled sometime in February.

GM 13 Long Term Status – Continued Discussion

With everything going on here at the station concerning COVID, it would have been nice to have GM13 available to quarantine staff members. Instead, the district is renting a place for \$100 a month allowing for one person per room here at the station. Chief Tucker has asked to table this agenda item until next meeting.

Budget Committee Open Position – Discussion

Motion: Don Bowler moved to appoint Susan Waddell to the Black Butte Ranch RFPD Budget Committee, seconded by Larry Stuker, unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Tucker discussed the possibility of Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire and Cloverdale Fire moving more closely together with providing ambulance service in the Cloverdale area.

Three different options are being presented:

1. Cloverdale asking for a levy to hire three of their own.
2. Cloverdale asking for a levy to partially fund with Sisters-Camp Sherman to hire three more and move three out to Cloverdale Fire.
3. Dissolve Cloverdale Fire and annex into Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire.

Sisters-Camp Sherman took these options to their board on Tuesday and received approval for option 2. Option 2 also includes administrative services. The timeframe would be for five years, with the intent to go out with a full merger by year 5.

Logistically this will be better for Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire because they will then keep three staff on at all times during the year.

When this takes place, there would be separate board antimony however, operationally the two districts will work as one.

If/when a merger takes place, Cloverdale Fire District will need to vote to dissolve their current district and annex into Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District.

It is unknown how this will affect BBR RFPD doing move-ups to Sisters.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Still working on a solution for the Christmas/Awards Banquet

No decision has been made on what will take place in lieu of an in-person awards banquet. Possibly move to spring where an event can be catered in the bays or even in a tent at the ballfields. Chief Tucker feels a zoom awards banquet may be hard to achieve however feels the importance of recognizing the staff.

NEXT MEETING DATES

General consensus is to not meet in December and re-join in January.

ADJOURNMENT

Board meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by Tom Sawyer

Don Bowler

Date: January 28, 2021