

Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Grand Junction Fire Station No. 5
July 28, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL - Board Members:

Board present: Stephen Grant, President, Vicki Felmlee, Vice-President; John Mayerik, Treasurer, Harland Adams and Gayle Mittlestadt. Public: Christine Taylor, Mary Brenes, GJ Fire Department Chief Ken Watkins

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The Board reviewed the agenda items and President Stephen Grant asked if there were additions or deletions to the agenda. G. Mittlestadt made a motion that the Board approve the agenda as presented. H. Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of May 25, 2009, amended to correct misspellings; J. Mayerick moved minutes be approved, G. Mittlestadt seconded, minutes approved 5-0.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT:

JM presented the Treasurer's report. Payables were approved, H. Adams moved, G. Mittlestadt second. Income/expense statements were approved, G. Mittlestadt moved, H. Adams second.

The auditor, Mary Brenes, was present and presented the 2008 Audit. This is the first time in some years that the Auditor's Report will be on time to the Secretary of State. The original budget/audit is pretty close.

A discussion about the GJRFDP's \$25,000 allowance under the new contract was discussed; the auditor suggested that this amount be increased. The Board deferred making a decision on increase this amount.

Mary presented two letters to the board about responsibilities, timing, business practices, disagreements and misstatements.

Audit approved, J. Mayerik, moved, H. Adams, second.

VII. FIRE CHIEF REPORT:

Chief Watkins reported that Public Safety Initiative Grant has been sent, with a total of nearly \$10 m for Station 1 replacement and a neighborhood station. The Dept. of Agriculture grant was awarded for \$10,000 for a Wildland Response Team to work with BLM and State Forestry Service. The grant will be used for equipment.

The homeowner incident regarding an uncontrolled burn was discussed; app \$30,000 was required to fight this fire.

Chief Watkins also discussed a Homeland Security Grant to purchase radios.

The 2010 budget will be 'flat' with no new positions; some positions will not be filled and the city is moving people around different departments to maximize employee usage.

The Public Safety Initiative was discussed; the deadline for the Nov. election is Aug. 19. The city is looking at five different options.

J. Mayerik asked about CPR training for the public; Chief Watkins said the fire department does not offer such training, perhaps the Red Cross would.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

The Colorado SDA conference will be held in Keystone Sept. 23-25; V. Felmlee was appointed by the board to attend, H. Adams moved, G. Mittlestadt second.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS:

Gayle announced she will tender her resignation at the end of the meeting; Christine Taylor was interviewed and approved by the board (contingent on her oath), V. Felmlee moved, J. Mayerik second. She will give her oath of office via Larry Beckner's office.

Position of secretary was discussed; more than 30 resumes were submitted as a result of the advertisement. S. Grant and V. Felmlee had sorted thru these and had narrowed the field down to 6-8; after some discussion it was suggested that a retired GJFD employee might also be interested; SG will pursue this.

X. ATTORNEY REPORT: None

XI. OTHER ITEMS: None

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

Adjourn 8:30 p.m. J. Mayerik moved, G. Mittlestadt second.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2009.

Stephen Grant

President

Attest: _____

Vicki Felmlee, Vice-president