

May 13, 2008 Minutes – Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District

6:35 p.m. Meeting called to order; roll call, all board members present – Steve Grant, Vicki Felmlee, Gayle Mittelstadt, Harland Adams, John Mayerik. Scribe absent.

V. Felmlee took the minutes.

Ken Watkins, GJ Fire Chief, present

Gayle Mittelstadt moved, Harland Adams, second, approved minutes of last meeting.

Ken Watkins gave his report to the board:

The Lower Valley agreement for dissolving services has been drawn up; it will be emailed to us, all services would be affected, some questions remain about dispatch and he will research these and report at the next meeting.

The Public Safety Facility Project – a November ballot issue is possible. Other sites have been toured and City Council has met to discuss issues such as budget, scope and building specifications. He also indicated he would have more information for the Board at the July meeting.

Steve Grant talked about the City's annexation process and questioned if a sub-district might be required for a Pear Park fire station; eventually, the City should do a study and reveal what the proposed boundaries will be and dissolve the GJRFPD. The Redlands subdistrict is paying a disproportionate share and it would be difficult to ask Pear Park to do this as well.

Chief Watkins also discussed the possible Clifton options as well as the Training Center. He indicated he is concerned about his staffing, since a number of employees may seek retirement.

An update on the City contract was given, the new contract may be available in July, extension of ten years, money in and out, with \$50,000 for administrative costs (not including Tabor reserve). GJRFPD has received no bills from the city, perhaps because the new contract is close to fruition.

Payables submitted by John Mayerik approved (GM/HA move, second), financial statement presented, and a purchase of Quickbooks was approved (VF/HA move, second). Copy attached.

J. Mayerik asked about a cash fund for unexpected expenses between meetings, V. Felmlee will submit a proposed amendment to the bylaws in July.

Auditor has asked for 2007 minutes, Deb has been informed.

S. Grant discussed an increase, allowable under Colorado law, for Board members, V. Felmlee will submit a proposed amendment to the bylaws in July.

Action Items:

No nominations for J. Mayerik/G. Mittelstadt's seats, results of non-election were submitted/election cancelled (VF/HA move, second), approved.

Officers elected for two-year terms:

Steve Grant, President; Vicki Felmlee, Vice-president; John Mayerik, Treasurer

G. Mittelstadt presented report on records to archive and retain, she has been in contact with Terry Kitelson, Colorado State Archivist, to receive direction (copy attached).

Meeting adjourned 8 p.m. (HA/JM move, second)