

**Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting**

May 26, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was held at the Fire Station #5, 2155 S. Broadway and was called to order by President Steve Grant at 6:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL – Board Members:

Board present: Steve Grant, President, Vicki Felmlee, Vice-President; John Mayerik, Treasurer, Harland Adams and Gayle Mittlestadt, Chief Watkins, Grand Junction Fire District.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The Board reviewed the agenda items and President Steve Grant asked if there were additions or deletions to the agenda. The agenda was amended to include resignations of a director and the scribe and to include election of officers. H. Adams made a motion that the Board approve the agenda, with the additional items. G. Mittlestadt seconded the motion. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None, however, it was reported that Deborah Davis has resigned immediately her position as scribe.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There were no minutes presented to approve.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer's Report was submitted; payables were submitted. G. Mittlestadt made a motion to approve the April/May, 2009, financial statements and accounts payables. H. Adams seconded the motion. Roll call. All ayes. Motion carried.

VII. FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Chief Watkins reported that the city has been cutting budgets; the City Fire Department's cuts have been app. \$400,000, with EMS Training as a possible cut. Staffing is adequate, the the Fall Academy has been cut. There is some hope that Federal Stimulus dollars may be available. A regional grant may be obtained for 800 mhz radios for better coverage of the area, they will know in the fall if this has been successful.

The new ladder truck is still in the budget.

H. Adams asked about ambulance costs, there was discussion of how the city bills customers/insurance companies and Chief Watkins explained the billing process.

S. Grant asked Chief Watkins if bringing the ambulance services 'in house' was a good move, Chief Watkins said it was and that timing was better and dual emt training had made the process more efficient.

Chief Watkins said that the entire city fleet is up for replacement with the 3-4 year replacement schedule; two engines will be replaced in 2010. He also discussed the collective bargaining bill, SB 180.

The Training Tower relies on a grant for completion, which they hope to hear about soon. The failed Public Safe Initiative was also discussed.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

G. Mittlestadt announced her resignation from the Board; she is moving to Wisconsin in the near future. She has obtained a possible candidate for the position.

IX. ACTION ITEMS:

It was decided to post an advertisement in The Daily Sentinel requesting letters of interest from possible candidates for the soon-to-be Director position. V. Felmlee was authorized to place the ad. V. Felmlee was also authorized to place an ad for the scribe position. Both ads will appear in the Sentinel in late June.

The Board voted on officers for the next two years:

S. Grant was voted president, unanimously

V. Felmlee was voted vice president, unanimously

J. Mayerik, was voted treasurer, unanimously

X. ATTORNEY REPORT: None

XI. OTHER ITEMS: None

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

J. Mayerik made a motion to adjourn the Board of directors meeting. H. Adams seconded the motion. The next regular meeting will be held on July 28, 2009. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2009.

Steve Grant
President

Attest: _____
Vicki Felmlee, Vice-President