

Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

Grand Junction Fire Station No. 5

July 12, 2011

- I. CALL TO ORDER:
Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

- II. ROLL CALL – Board Members:
Board present: Stephen Grant, President, Vicki Felmlee, Vice-President; John Mayerik, Treasurer, and Harland Adams, Christa Taylor

- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: J. Mayerik made a motion that the Board approves the agenda, C. Taylor seconded, motion carried 5-0.

- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Corrections need to be made to two miss-spellings. H. Adams motioned to approve July 11, 2011 minutes, C. Taylor seconded, motion carried 5-0.

- VI. FIRE CHIEF REPORT: The Chief was out sick left a memo.

My apologies for missing the meeting as I am not feeling well today. Here is my report on current events that the Fire Department is working on.

Fire Station #1 Relocation - Due to favorable bidding climate this project has been pushed up a year. We will be moving out of fire station 1 on July 20. We are moving to the municipal services center on West Avenue. Fire Administration will be in the former Engineering building next to recycle. The fire crews will move to office space off of fleet that was formerly neighborhood services and purchasing. The two station one ambulances will move to other fire stations.

Land's End Service Contract - We are working on a service contract with the Land's End board that is very similar to the rural district contract. It would have us responding with their volunteers and then receiving payment for services. There are some differences that we have had to work around since they have volunteer staff, apparatus and a fire station. This came about as a request from their board for help since they are having a very hard time with response and administration.

2012 Budget - We are just beginning to work on the budget for next year. First meeting is tomorrow. We are cautiously optimistic in lieu of years past.

Grants - We have purchased the new radios that we received the nearly \$1 million Assistance to Firefighters regional grant. We are waiting on delivery and then install of the mobile radios. We received \$57,000 in a state EMS grant to help re-chassis our last Ford 6.0 Diesel lemon. This will cover 50% of the cost and saves about \$50,000 over purchasing new.

The agreement for Landsend will be mailed to each member of the board.
Questions and Comments from the Memo:

The discussion of consolidation was brought up, and H. Adams made the point that we have tried in the past to consolidate with other departments but there has been opposition. It becomes very territorial. In a way mutual aid response does consolidate. As of now the Rural District is the taxing entity but to consolidate the city would have to take that on. There is a lot of work that has to be done. Board President S. Grant is going to talk with the City Manager about consolidation.

Another discussion was the addition of a station in the Pear Park area. If a station is built for example in Pear Park the Redlands residents may ask why they had to pay taxes for their station and Pear Park does not.

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Payables – 3 additional checks have been added #6389 for a project H. Ward did in 2009, #6390 for copies for meeting that J. Mayerik, #6391 to the attorney for legal services. C. Taylor moves to approve items, H. Adams seconds, motion carried 5-0.

Financials – We are under \$10,000 for what we have expensed out. Next meeting will give a running record of specific ownership tax. H. Adams motions to approve financials, V. Felmlee second, motion carried 5-0.

VIII. ATTORNEY REPORT:

S. Grant had a conversation with L. Beckner about the board terms. L. Beckner said the term limits apply to all, but when it comes to small boards and the difficulty in getting applications and being expensive to hold elections it can be difficult. L. Beckner said what you do is when the person's term comes up and they want to stay on the board they resign right before the elections and then after the elections the remaining board member reappoints the board members to return. Basically you don't run you are appointed. When we get toward January we should have L. Beckner come in and explain this all to the board.

IX. ACTION ITEMS:

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

OTHER ITEMS: None

The next meeting will be held on the 11 of October. S. Grant will not be there.

V. Felmlee moves to appoint J. Mayerick as the budget officer, H. Adams seconds, motion carried 5-0.

II. ADJOURNMENT:

Adjourn at 7:26 p.m. H. Adams moved to adjourn, C. Taylor second, motion carried 5-0

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2011.

Stephen Grant, President

Attest: _____
Vicki Felmlee, Vice President