

Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

Grand Junction Fire Station No. 5

May 10, 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 Felmler (not present), Vice-President; John Mayerik, Treasurer, and Harland Adams, Christa Taylor, Mary Vrenes, Auditor Public; GJ Fire Department Chief Ken Watkins

- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: J. Mayerik made a motion that the Board approves the agenda, H. Adams seconded, motion carried 4-0.

- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: H. Adams motion to approve January 4, 2011 minutes, C. Taylor seconded, motion carried 4-0

- VI. FIRE CHIEF REPORT:
Summons - The Department is working on giving our captains legal rights to issue summons based on fire code violation. We've had difficulties within the county getting a sheriff to respond and issue a summons so this gives us the ability to do that when needed. During this process there was a question as to if the board adopted the 2006 Fire Code because without it people would be summoned to different courts. We found this is not the case because the board has accepted the 2006 Fire Code. There is nothing official the board needs to do but the Chief wanted to address any concerns. The Fire Department and County will be adopting the 2012 Fire Code in less than a year. The biggest change will be sprinklers are required for any duplex or single house dwelling. The board is requesting an executive summary of the changes before they will need to adopt the 2012 Fire Code in January.

Automatic Aid agreement with Lower Valley – This will be to the edge of monument to K road. We have looked at making changes to the boarder and we are working with the assures office to address this, but in the meantime we are still dealing with long waits for ambulances from Lower Valley. The automatic aid agreement would allow us to respond with an ambulance with everything south of the river. Fire response in that area will remain the same. The board Attorney Larry Beckner has looked at the agreement and believes it to be fine for the board to approve. You may see in the near future another agreement for automatic aid with Landsend

Fire Department. H. Adams made a motion to sign and approve the Lower Valley memorandum C. Taylor seconded, motion carried 4-0.

Construction – The City has broken ground for the new police building and dispatch. This will be completed in 2012. Part of the police station will be saved and remodeled for Fire Administration and Fire Station 1 will be remodeled. Both will have new skins for each building to modernize it.

Ambulance services – Our contract with City expires at the end of June so Council wanted to meet and do some work shops to evaluate the service the Department has provided. One of the things Council was looking at was taking away the interfacility transports and giving it to a contract companies, but there is no local company here and the interfacility work is really integrating with our 911 service. During this evaluation process Council received letters from the medical community stating that they want GJFD to keep the ambulance service. The Council determined to keep the service with GJFD and to not have a contract anymore.

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT:

2010 Audit - There were no findings and a few adjustments but nothing major. The board is about 40,000 under budget, so overall you have done very well. The audit is available on the website to view. J. Mayerik moved to approve the audit C. Taylor seconded, motion carried 4-0.

Payables – V. Felmler is owed money for web hosting. H. Adams moves to approve items, C. Taylor seconds, motion carried 4-0.

Financials – Information from Mesa County indicates in March we were a head of property taxes and then down in April. Specific ownership tax in district is down \$40,000. H. Adams motions to approve financials, C. Taylor second, motion carried 4-0.

For the past 6 weeks S. Grant has been taking a class called Inside Mesa County to learn about what is going on in county. What he found is that the residential assessments are down 19%, so our collections will be a bit lower.

VIII. ATTORNEY REPORT:

IX. ACTION ITEMS:

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

The Special District Association annual meeting is September 14-17 in Breckenridge. H. Adams declines his turn in the rotation to attend so S. Grant will go based on the rotation.

II. OTHER ITEMS: None

III. ADJOURNMENT:

Adjourn at 7:55 p.m. H. Adams moved to adjourn, C. Taylor second, motion carried 4-0

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2011.

Stephen Grant, President

Attest: _____
Vicki Felmlee, Vice President