

Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
October 9, 2001 17:30  
865 Gambel's Road, Grand Junction, Colorado

Board members present: Tery Dixon (TD), Steve Gsell (SG), Chris Hollandsworth (CH), Steve Ward (SW)

Others present: Robert Knouse, Chief Rick Beaty, Rob Dixon, Secretary

**1. Meeting called to order at 17:40 by SW.**

**2. August 14, 2001 board meeting minutes.**

After review and discussion of the 8-14-01 meeting minutes, a motion was made by CH to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by TD, approved unanimously.

**3. Old business from previous meeting 8-14-01.**

A. Regarding fuel and maintenance payments recently made to the city and not included in the contract, they will be wrapped into the contract payment in the future per SW discussion with Chief Beaty. A previous board of directors had verbally approved these payments to the city.

B. Discussion of meeting recently held with the city regarding a Redlands fire station. SW and CH met with the city. Discussion included definition of urban and rural fire zones, response times/levels, possible 1159 districts. The station will likely be used as a public safety building to include fire/EMS/law enforcement.

C. TD inquired about the city providing statutory services with annexations. Concern was expressed about taking land without providing services.

D. Chief Beaty spoke regarding response issues on the Redlands. There were 511 calls in the Redlands in 2000, approx 1.4 calls per day. Increased service will result in increased costs. If national standards are utilized the costs will be very high.

19% of all calls in 2000 were in the rural district, 78-80% were EMS related.

**4. YTD Financial Report.**

Rob Dixon presented the current financial report including current balance sheet and expenses.

**5. Knouse Subdivision.**

Robert Knouse presented information to the board on inclusion of his land into the district as required by the Board of County Commissioners. The current land use code now requires him to be in a fire district to be able to develop his subdivision. He has previously been turned down by the fire district board on his petition for inclusion.

It was discussed that other land has been included around Mr. Knouse's land and that the Whitewater area inclusion areas are difficult to define. Chief Beaty indicated that the service will not improve, and the inclusion will not have a large impact or create a service problem for Grand Junction Fire Department.

Mr. Knouse was advised by the board that they are willing to bring his land into the district with the understanding that he will not be receiving the same level of service as those closer to fire stations and water sources, which he understood.

The board agreed to schedule Mr. Knouse's petition for inclusion at the next board meeting, 11-6-01.

The board further expressed that it will reserve the right to consider size and density of other subdivisions when considering petitions for inclusion in the future.

**6. Proposed 2002 budget.**

After review and discussion of the proposed 2002 budget, a motion was made by TD to accept the proposed budget for consideration of approval at a budget hearing to be held on 11-6-01, seconded by SG, unanimously approved.

**7. International Fire Code 2000 Edition.**

A first reading of the proposed new fire code was made. Chief Beaty advised that the new code will not affect the contract price. Further, this is the same code adopted by the City of Grand Junction.

Adoption of the new code will be voted on at the next board meeting 11-6-01.

**8. Next board meeting.**

The next board of directors meeting will be scheduled for 11-6-01 at 17:30 at 865 Gambel's Road, Grand Junction, Colorado.

Items to be discussed and acted on include but will not be limited to:

- A. Budget.
- B. Contract with the City of Grand Junction.
- C. International Fire Code 2000 Edition.
- D. Petition for Inclusion of Knouse Subdivision.

**9. Adjournment.**

A motion was made by CH to adjourn the meeting, seconded by TD, unanimously approved.

Minutes submitted by Rob Dixon, Secretary to the Board of Directors

APPROVED 11-6-2001