

Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
December 11, 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: Mrs. Gsell, Chief Rick Beaty, Secretary Rob Dixon

**1. Meeting called to order at 17:45 by SW.**

**2. November 6, 2001 board meeting minutes.**

After review and discussion of the 11-06-01 meeting minutes, a motion was made by CH to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by SG, approved unanimously.

**3. General Business.**

A. Chief Beaty advised that the 2000 International Fire Code approved at the previous board meeting was sent to the County Commissioners for ratification.

B. The Knouse Subdivision has been approved by the District Court. RD is trying to obtain the documents to record with the county.

C. Board discussion about maintenance and fuel costs charged by the city. Cut off date for payment of these items will be December 31, 2001, these costs are included in new contract. TD expressed dissatisfaction in paying these bills as there is no written agreement.

D. RD at the request of board presented an approximation of revenue lost to annexation by the city. Over last 5 years, approximately 1 million in taxes lost.

E. RD at the request of the board reported on information gathered about County Treasurer's fees charged to the district. Fees could be lowered by an act of the State Legislature. TD and RD will continue to gather information.

**4. YTD Financial Report.**

RD presented the current financial report including current balance sheet and expenses.

**5. Redlands Fire Station**

The Board felt that comments by the City recently in newspaper amounted to pointing a finger at the District and served no purpose.

TD opposes formation of an 1159 district in the Redlands and feels the City should be more pro-active. The City should be responsible for the station as they are statutorily required to provide the service. If an 1159 is formed, it should be eliminated after annexation. Further opinion is that the City should levy a specific property tax for fire services.

The Board felt a position paper should be developed stating the pros, cons and options for the Redlands area possibly to be sent out with the tax notice.

CH indicated his goal of building a Redlands station. SG and TD will work on basic structure of what to do in the Redlands.

SW will write a letter to the City and County asking them to consider all options when selling or changing the use of public land in the Redlands that could be used for a fire station.

**6. Adjournment.**

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

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