

Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
February 19, 2002 19:00  
865 Gambels Road, Grand Junction, Colorado

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

Others present: Chief Rick Beaty, Secretary Rob Dixon (RD)

**1. Meeting called to order at 19:00 by SW.**

**2. December 11, 2001 board meeting minutes.**

After review and discussion of the 12-11-01 meeting minutes, a motion was made by CH to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by TD, approved unanimously.

**3. YTD Financial Report.**

RD presented the current financial report including current balance sheet and expenses. A motion was made by TD to accept the report as presented, seconded by SG, approved unanimously.

**A. December 2001 payment to the City.**

A check was sent to the City for the December 2001 contract payment but apparently was lost at some point in the mail. Chief Beaty reports that the City needs the payment as soon as possible so the City can close its 2001 books. RD will get the payment to the City ASAP. In the future the District will wire all payments directly to the City account.

**4. City / County Meeting.**

City, County & District officials will meet on March 13, 2002 at 14:00 to discuss a Redlands Fire Station.

The board agreed that several points need to be addressed, including:

- A. The undisputed need for a station.
- B. The size of the station, full or partial, public safety center.
- C. Formation of an 1159 district, pros and cons.

TD expressed that the citizens of Grand Junction should resume paying a tax for their fire service. Further, a fire tax should be collected County-wide to pay for fire improvements.

**5. Election.**

Tery Dixon and Chris Hollandsworth are up for re-election. There is also a vacant seat up for election.

A resolution was made to appoint RD as the Designated Election Official and authorizing the Designated Election Official to cancel the election. A motion was made by TD to approve the resolution, seconded by CH, unanimously approved.

**6. Other Business.**

**A. Report by Chief Beaty.**

Chief Beaty reported on questions surrounding burn permits and out of control burns. Chief Beaty also spoke about the new fire department newsletter and improvements to the fire department web site.

Due to the high costs of responding to problems with out of control burns and burns without permits, the board directed Chief Beaty to explore the use of mandatory fines for the costs of responding to these incidents. Chief Beaty will report back to the board his findings.

**B. Meeting notice posting places.**

For 2002 the proposed posting places for meeting notices are:

1. Office of the Mesa County Clerk & Recorder  
544 Rood Avenue  
Grand Junction, CO 81501
2. Safeway Food & Drug Store  
2148 Broadway  
Grand Junction, CO 81503
3. Orchard Mesa Market  
176 29 Road  
Grand Junction, CO 81503
4. Fruitvale Elementary School  
585 30 Road  
Grand Junction, CO 81504

A motion was made by TD approve the above posting locations, seconded by CH, approved unanimously.

**6. Adjournment.**

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

Minutes submitted by Rob Dixon