

Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District & Redlands Subdistrict

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 29, 2003 19:00

Lands End Fire Protection District Station 1, 34995 Seminole Road, Whitewater, Colorado

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

Others present: Chief Rick Beaty, Brian Chervany-President LEFPD Board of Directors, numerous community members and members of LEFPD

**1. Meeting called to order at 19:03 by CH.**

**2. Board meeting minutes.**

After review and discussion of the May 1, 2003 meeting minutes, a motion was made by SG to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by TD, approved unanimously.

**Meeting occurred out of order from the agenda as several guests were in the audience for the hearing on the Lands End Exclusion and other business.**

**3. Lands End Exclusion.**

**This portion of the meeting was a hearing for the exclusion of property from the Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District to be included in the Lands End Fire Protection District.**

Concerns heard from the audience:

1. Long response times.
2. Clifton Water / fire flow.
3. Annexation by City of Grand Junction.
4. Homeowners insurance costs and availability.
5. ISO rating.
6. Termination of automatic aid agreement with GJFD/LEFPD/GJRFPD.

It was explained to the audience that GJFD would have an automatic aid agreement with Lands End for an indefinite period. This agreement would remain in place until it was determined that Lands End could provide the service on their own with the same level of service. GJFD will continue to be available on a mutual aid basis even when the auto aid agreement has been terminated.

Property taxes will be lowered to 5.0 mills from 7.596.

Lands End and GJFD will respond to all calls for an indefinite period of time.

Mr. Dave Reinardson from Clifton Water advised the audience on several points:

1. The Clifton Water statement of purpose indicates they are a supplier of domestic water, this does not include fire flow at this time.

2. Their short term plan includes increasing capacity in the Whitewater area. This area is currently served with a 100,000 gallon tank.
3. A new transport line to the Whitewater site is in progress. The line size will be increased to 12 inches and will facilitate easier water transport and filling at the Whitewater site. Fall 2003 completion is expected. New pumps will also be installed.
4. A one million gallon storage tank is expected to be installed in the next two to two and one half years. Tank construction timetable will be driven by usage and growth.
5. LEFPD and Clifton Water have an agreement currently in place for LE to use a hydrant in Elk Run Subdivision. All water must be accounted for.

All questions and concerns from the audience were addressed by the Board. As nothing further was heard, the Board reviewed and discussed a RESOLUTION AND ORDER OF EXCLUSION.

After review and discussion of the RESOLUTION AND ORDER OF EXCLUSION, a motion was made by RD to approve the RESOLUTION, seconded by SG, CH called for any further discussion, TD was not sure the audience was satisfied with the answers they had been given. Discussion re-opened.

The audience concerns above were brought up again. Of particular concern was the response of the GJFD. Those concerned were assured that GJFD would continue to respond until LE could handle the calls solo. The Board further stated they have the legal obligation to assure LE would provide the same service.

The audience appeared to now be re-assured on their concerns.

Hearing no further comment, a motion was made by RD to approve the RESOLUTION, seconded by SG, approved unanimously.

A motion was made by RD and seconded by TD that the Board will meet with GJFD, LEFPD and Whitewater area residents prior to any change or discontinuance of the automatic aid agreement, approved unanimously.

**The meeting was called into recess at 20:30 by CH.**

**The meeting was re-convened at 20:40 by CH.**

#### **4. Elk Run Subdivision**

Mr. Bob Withers present representing the subdivision.

Due to the passing of the International Fire Code by the Board recently, the subdivision is now subject to GJFD approval on the next phase of their plans. The plans were previously approved by the County and have not changed. Mr. Withers is requesting an approval.

Mr. Withers provided information from his engineer indicating that the stipulation GJFD has requested, 500 gallons per minute at 20 psi, could be provided by their existing hydrants. Chief Beaty requested that Clifton Water come and complete a fire flow test before approval.

The Board directed Mr. Withers to request a fire flow test from Clifton Water and report back on the results.

Chief Beaty, RD will follow-up on the situation and report back.

## **5. Willow Bend Convenience Store.**

Mr. Kelley Hubbard present representing the proposed store.

Mr. Hubbard has been required to provide a large water storage tank to proceed with the development of his store. Due to the great cost associated with this, Mr. Hubbard has been seeking alternatives.

Chief Beaty stated that he would approve the plans without the water storage based on the information provided by Clifton Water. Chief Beaty will attempt to get this information from Clifton Water in writing.

The Board expressed its concern that Clifton Water should be providing fire flow in the Whitewater area.

Chief Beaty will follow-up with Clifton Water. RD will follow-up with Bob Cole on fire flow issues.

## **6. Chief Beaty Update.**

Chief Beaty reported:

1. The monthly report will be forthcoming.
2. Station 5.

Annexation in underway on the selected station site. This will include zoning and a CUP. Public hearings are planned.

A temporary station continues to be a possibility dependant on what the church does.

The impact grant is on hold at the state level due to current State budget cuts.

## **7. Grand Junction Motor Speedway.**

After review and discussion, a motion to approve an ORDER BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GRAND JUNCTION RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR INCLUSION OF REAL PROPERTY, for the Grand Junction Motor Speedway, by RD, seconded by SG, unanimously approved.

**8. Financial Report.**

Current Condition.

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

**9. Adjournment.**

At 22:19, a motion was made by RD to adjourn the meeting, seconded by TD, unanimously approved.

Minutes submitted by Rob Dixon

**APPROVED 6-26-03**