

Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District & Redlands Subdistrict
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 29, 2003 19:00
Liberty Baptist Church, 448 South Camp Road, Grand Junction, Colorado

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

Board members absent: Chris Hollandsworth

Others present: NAG members, Lee Freedman, Fred Stapleton, Jerry Clark, Beverly Kingsley, Richard Taylor, other members of the public, GJDS, KKCO-TV, KJCT-TV

1. Meeting called to order at 19:01 by SG.

2. Introduction of Board members.

SG introduced the Board members and indicated the area they represented.

Steve Gsell-Redlands, Tery Dixon-Redlands, Rob Dixon-Appleton, Chris Hollandsworth (not present)-Orchard Mesa.

3. Open board member position.

A. A background was given on the open board position:

1. Steve Ward resigned in November 2002 vacating the position.
2. Several informal attempts have been made to fill the vacancy with no interest.
3. The open position appointed term would end in May 2004. At that time a regular election open to all candidates will be held for a term ending May 2008.
4. The board will be looking for a candidate willing to step in for this brief period and then to run in the election.
5. Board members gave their background information to the audience.

Mr. Jack Campbell previously submitted a list of questions to RD that could be used in an interview for board candidates. Mr. Campbell has had extensive experience on boards and has used similar questions for filling board positions. The District Board reviewed the questions with input from the audience.

After review and discussion, a motion was made by RD to approve the questions as presented by Mr. Campbell (attached), seconded by TD, approved unanimously.

4. District-City fire contract.

Several items were discussed on the issue of fire station 5 and the contract:

1. Ground breaking is supposed to occur in the next several weeks, no one is sure when.
2. No reports have been received by the District from the City in several weeks.

3. The Board advised the audience of the purpose of the District reserve fund:
 - A. TABOR requires 3% of expenditures to be held in reserve.
 - B. The fund was previously used to buy fire equipment, this practice has ended.
 - C. The fund is now to be used to pay any deficits.
4. The Gallagher Amendment could cause problems in future years.
5. The Board wants to know what the operations of fire station 5 have cost thus far.
6. The Board feels it was rushed into signing and completing the current contract due to the City having to finish a DOLA grant. All the issues were not resolved.

Mr. Richard Taylor spoke indicating he has been on the Redlands for 30 years. He commends the Board for its actions and all of his neighbors agree. He is concerned about annexation by the City.

Following a long discussion, the Board wanted to make clear that they are willing to meet with the City to work out all the issues. RD indicated, once again, that any issues between himself and the City are not part of District business and have nothing to do with any board action. RD wants to move on and make positive progress.

A motion was made by RD to make a \$50 donation to the Liberty Baptist Church for use of their facilities, seconded by TD, approved unanimously.

5. Adjourn.

At 20:55 a motion was made by TD to adjourn the meeting, seconded by RD, approved unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Rob Dixon

APPROVED 9-3-03