

Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District & Redlands Subdistrict
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 5, 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 (CH)

Others present: NAG members, Jerry Clark, John Heckman, Tim O'Sullivan

1. Meeting called to order at 19:10 by SG.

2. Introductions.

The board members introduced themselves.

3. Board member appointment.

The board discussed the candidate interviews and thanked all those who participated.

Following discussion, a motion was made by RD to appoint Jerry Clark to the open director position, seconded by TD.

The board then discussed the option to have another candidate available should another board position open.

A motion was made by RD to appoint John Heckman as the alternate candidate to fill any future vacancy subject to board appointment at that time, seconded by TD, approved unanimously.

The Oath of Office was administered to Jerry Clark by SG.

4. Other business.

A. NPS firefighting policy.

SG spoke regarding the letter from the NPS discussed at the last meeting and elicited comments from the public.

1. Eradication of dry grasses should be a priority.
2. Cheat grass is a major problem.
3. Community education should be done regarding grass growth.
4. Defensible spaces should be encouraged and created.

B. Contract discussion.

1. An explanation was given of the approximately \$20,000 that was not paid to the City. This amount included taxes that have not been collected, funds the City is not entitled to and disagreement over the amount of specific ownership tax.

2. TD wanted to clarify her vote on 7-30 for payment of additional funds to the City. The reason she voted for this payment was to facilitate a dialogue with the City. As the City has continued to act poorly, she wishes to indicate she should never have voted for the payment.

C. Comments from the public.

The following suggestions were made for board consideration:

1. Serious thought should be given to starting our own fire department.

2. NAG wants to know what the status of CH is. No one has heard from him and he has not attended several meetings. All board members should be participating.

3. The City and County should designate areas now for future fire stations. The City overspent on the Redlands property and planned very poorly.

5. **Adjourn.**

At 20:45 a motion was made by RD to adjourn the meeting, seconded by TD, approved unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Rob Dixon

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