

Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

November 23, 2004

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held in the Mesa Mall Community Room, 2424 US Hwy. 6 & 50 and was called to order by President Stephen Grant at 6:51 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL – Board Members

Steve Grant, President; Bob McCormick, Treasurer; Vicki Felmlee, Vice President; Deborah Davis; Tery Dixon.

Others Present: Public, media, and Rhonda Phillips, Scribe.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Tery Dixon made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Bob McCormick seconded the motion. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 26, 2004 Regular Meeting:

Bob McCormick reported that he made the changes to the minutes as requested by Tery Dixon.

Deborah Davis made a motion to approve the October 26, 2004 regular board meeting minutes. Tery Dixon seconded the motion. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

B. November 9, 2004 Regular Meeting:

Bob McCormick reported that he made the changes to the minutes as requested by Tery Dixon.

Deborah Davis made a motion to approve the November 9, 2004 regular board meeting minutes. Bob McCormick seconded the motion. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

VII. FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Beaty reported that the final draft of the Mesa County Emergency Services Feasibility Study and EMS Consulting Report is now complete. The resolution is scheduled to be presented to the Board of Commissioners on Monday, December 6, 2004. Tery Dixon asked if there had been any discussion regarding either the City assuming EMS or funding mechanisms for proposed changes. The Chief replied they had not.

VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Financial Report:

As of October 29, 2004 the Board had \$826,976.91 in the bank.

B. Approval of November Payables:

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5993	Beckner, Achziger, McInnis, Raaum & Shaver, LLC	Legal Services	\$ 9,753.30
5994	Hale Hackstaff Friessen, LLP	Legal Services	\$ 7,313.67
5995	e-fense, Inc.	Computer Forensics Analysis	\$ 5,400.00
5996	Office Depot	4 Drawer Vertical File	\$ 178.85
5997	VOID		
5998	Rhonda Phillips	Secretarial Services	\$ 63.00
5999	City of Grand Junction		\$323,728.00

Tery Dixon made a motion to approve the November payables as presented. Bob McCormick seconded the motion. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

IX. ATTORNEY REPORT

Steve Grant reported that Larry Beckner will no longer attend regular board meetings. Mr. Beckner is available by telephone if the board has questions during a meeting.

Steve Grant reported that he has questioned Mr. Westfall regarding the security interest in a piece of property in Syracuse, NY. The property is a commercial building. There is no way to know, at this time, if we are in 1st position or 10th position on the security interest. No further information is available at this time about the property.

Another payment of \$20,000 should arrive within a week. The first two payments were received via cashiers checks to Larry Beckner's office.

The deposition of Rob Dixon has been postponed until sometime in December. Mr. Dixon's attorney is attempting to limit the scope of questioning that can be asked. The district has filed a document with the court asking to give a ruling that would allow a broad scope of questioning including asking about the purchase of a computer, etc.

X. ACTION ITEMS

A. 2003 Redlands Sub-District Payment:

This is an amount that was collected from the sub-district in the sub-district's first year of operation. That amount was to pay for the operation of Station 5. The prior Board questioned if the full amount should be payable and ultimately hired an attorney to

further question it, and paid the money to the court. The current Board recently signed a Joint Defense Agreement with the City of Grand Junction, wherein it was requested that the money come back out of the court and then we will try to negotiate a reasonable settlement with the City. Discussion with the City resulted in a discount offer of \$35,000 off the final 2003 payment of \$358,728. That discount would result in a final payment for the 2003 contract to be \$323,728.

Bob McCormick made a motion to accept the City's discount of \$35,000.00, which makes the final payment amount for 2003, \$323,728.00. Tery Dixon seconded the motion. Roll Call. Steve, Deborah, Bob and Vicki voted Aye. Tery voted No. Motion carried.

Tery Dixon expressed her frustration with the City for not recognizing the District as a contributing equal in the operations of Station 5 and their unwillingness to negotiate any operational costs.

B. December Meetings:

December 14 and December 28 are the two scheduled meetings for December. The Board will hold the December 14th meeting and make a decision at that time whether to meet on December 28th. Beginning January 1st, 2005, meetings will most likely be held once per month.

Break 7:45

Resume 8:00

Deborah Davis left the meeting at 8:00.

XI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Bylaw discussion continuation: The Board continued reading the proposed bylaws and made comments and suggestions for improvement. Further discussion will be held at future meetings.

XII. ADJOURN

Tery Dixon made a motion to adjourn the board of directors meeting. Vicki Felmlee seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2004.

Stephen P. Grant, President

Attest: _____
Robert W. McCormick, Secretary