

**Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District**

**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting**

**November 9, 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 6:35 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL - Board Members

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

Others Present: Public; media;

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Deborah Davis made a motion to approve the agenda. Tery Dixon seconded the motion. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

V. ATTORNEYS REPORT

Larry Beckner was not in attendance. President Grant reported the following:

A. We received an opinion letter from Beckner regarding the approval of Board meeting minutes of April 2, April 9, April 21, April 23, and April 30 of 2004. His opinion was the current Board could and should adopt the minutes from those meetings and recommended a motion that was used to approve those minutes.

B. Included in the same Beckner letter was an opinion on Provisions of Section 10(a)(2) of the proposed Bylaws. Section 10(1)(2) provides for three Class A Directors and two Class B Directors as a way designated which directors are elected to which term. It was his opinion that the statute does not provide for the creation of different classes of directors. He went on to say that we have five district offices and we need to track the history of those offices.

C. The same letter commented on Section 11(n)(4), Section 19(b), and Section 20 of the proposed Bylaws.

D. Reported that he had talked with Richard Westfall about rescheduling of the Rob Dixon deposition. Westfall did not have a date at that time, however, Deborah Davis reported that she had just received an e-mail that stated the deposition was scheduled for November 24.

E. Reported that he had asked Westfall about the paperwork regarding the security interest on the New York property. We have received details on the building but have not yet received the security interest paperwork. Grant advised Westfall that we want to get that paperwork completed.

F. Reported he had a conversation with Bob Cole regarding Cole's bill. Cole will not discount the bill but will wait if need be. Grant stated he was not in favor of payment of the bill since we had other pressing demands.

G. Had contacted the D.A.'s office in an effort to make sure they have all the information

from the District that we can provide.

H. Had received a registered letter from Dale Breckenridge on October 26 requesting specified District records. Grant responded by letter on November 4 with the cost information and how Dale might proceed.

#### VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of 2003 Audit for submission to State Auditor: The 2003 Audit had been provided the Board at the September 28 meeting. Chairman Grant reported that he had received a call from the State Auditor inquiring about the whereabouts of our 2003 audit. Bob McCormick moved that the 2003 Audit be approved as presented and authorize submitting the 2003 Audit to the State Auditor. Vicki Felmler Seconded. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

B. Approval of April 2, April 9, April 21, April 23, and April 30 Minutes of Board Meetings. All five sets of minutes had been signed by then Chairman Steve Gsell and then treasurer Tery Dixon. Larry Beckner had been asked for an opinion regarding the propriety of this Board approving minutes of Board meetings held prior to the time this Board was seated. Beckner's opinion was that it was both appropriate and necessary to approve the minutes to have a record of the meetings.

Bob McCormick moved that the minutes of the April 2, April 9, April 21, April 23, and April 30 of 2004, as signed by Tery Dixon and Steve Gsell, be adopted as the official minutes of those meetings and that this Board does not attest to whether those minutes accurately reflect the actual events that occurred at those meetings. Deborah Davis seconded the motion. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

#### VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Payment of Director Fees: Bob McCormick distributed a spread sheet showing board member meeting attendance for the year 2004. The attendance of seven different board member were included. Historically director fees have been paid at the end of the year. This item will be included on the agenda of the last meeting of the year for action. McCormick indicated he would make a recommendation for the Bylaws to pay the fees on a quarterly basis or upon the directors departure from the Board. Tery Dixon suggested that we might want to have the language flexible enough to handle the reduction in the number of meetings.

B. Proposed 2005 Budget. The proposed 2005 budget was discussed. It was indicated this was the third meeting the proposed 2005 budget had been on the agenda for discussion. It a statutory requirement to advertise the budget hearing and adoption one time in the paper. That advertisement will be accomplished and the hearing and adoption are scheduled for November 23.

C. Bylaws discussion continuation: The Board continued reading the proposed Bylaws and made comments and suggestions for improvement. Further discussion will be held at future meetings

XI. ADJOURN

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

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

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Stephen P. Grant, President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. McCormick, Secretary