

Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

October 26, 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 6:30 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; Larry Beckner, Attorney; and Rhonda Phillips, Scribe.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Bob McCormick made a motion to approve the agenda. Vicki Felmlee seconded the motion. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 28, 2004 Regular Meeting:

Tery Dixon pointed out several changes that she would like to have made on the minutes. The Scribe will make the changes. Deborah Davis made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Bob McCormick seconded the motion. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

B. October 12, 2004 Regular Meeting:

Tery Dixon pointed out several changes that she would like to have made on the minutes. The Scribe will make the changes. Deborah Davis made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Bob McCormick seconded the motion. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

VI. FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Fire Chief Beaty reported that the visit from Vice President Dick Cheney was uneventful. The continuing effort from the Emergency Services Feasibility Study continues to work through the County on the emergency medical services for resolution which would add structure to the EMS service that hasn't existed in the past. There is a dinner meeting scheduled for November 4th at Two Rivers Convention Center to discuss the current draft of the Emergency Services Resolution. The number two priority in the eyes of the fire districts and the County and City is the lack of training facilities and the potential need for a sixth fire station to be located in the Pear Park area sometime in the future. The Pear Park area will have open access by the 29 road project going north and south and by the connection by the Riverside Parkway as it comes in going east or west. The Colorado River Bridge has been approved and construction will be starting next year. An area around 29 and D Road has been looked at as a potential spot to locate a new training facility. The City planning and the County planning departments has an ongoing effort to put together a Pear Park plan which involves emergency services, schools, public safety, etc.

Bob McCormick asked about holding meetings at Station 5 in the future and if that is still an option. Chief Beaty reported that it is a possibility but parking space could become an issue and people may possibly have to park on the street or in the Church on the Rock parking area. The meeting room will comfortably hold around 30 people.

Bob McCormick asked about the fire on the back of Redlands Village. The Redlands Village Irrigation Company has an interest in putting an attachment on their line on the back side of Redlands Village so that the fire department would have water access. Chief Beaty reported that he would be interested in getting more information on that prospect. Bob McCormick will provide him with the information.

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Financial Report:

Bob McCormick reported that Bruce Mills is out of town and will talk about the financial report on his behalf. The County has released the amount of \$353,668.00 to the District.

Steve Grant asked if Bob had any knowledge of variance on the income side of the specific ownership tax that was estimated to be \$200,000.00 but was only \$135,893.00 and was short of what was anticipated. Bob reported that he did not have a detailed explanation. He explained that specific ownership is a tax that is related, to a large degree, by automobile purchases.

B. Approval of October Payables:

Bob McCormick reported that Tery Dixon had the opportunity to speak with Bob Cole in reference to his bill. Tery indicated to Bob that she was satisfied with her review of his bill and therefore it was placed on the payable list. Steve Grant reported that he would put the payment of the Cole bill up for a vote but reported that he would not vote to pay the balance of the bill from Bob Cole. Steve Grant reported that he would call Mr. Cole's office and discuss his bill and will report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Deborah Davis made a motion to approve the first 3 payables on the October Payables list.

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5990	Rhonda Phillips	Secretarial Service	\$ 102.00
5991	Bruce Mills, PC	2001, 2002, 2003 audits	\$17,863.75
5992	Hale Friesen, LLP	Legal Services	\$13,120.76

Vicki Felmler seconded the motion. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Steve Grant reported that he would speak with Bob Cole's office when he is in Denver next week.

VIII. ATTORNEY REPORT

Larry Beckner reported that Rob Dixon is scheduled for a deposition on October 28th in Denver with Mr. Westfall. Larry will be in attendance during the deposition. The purpose for the deposition is to try to fill in information on missing documents, get information as to why money was invested with OTC America and what type of documentation was used during that transaction. There are also issues regarding checks that were written while Rob Dixon was on the Board. This deposition is also being taken as a part of the open lawsuit between the City and the District on the open records act.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Acceptance of Minutes of 4/2, 4/9, 4/21, 4/23 and 4/30 Board Meetings: These minutes have been signed by Tery Dixon and Steve Gsell. Vicki Felmlee reported that it was her understanding that the Board can not accept the minutes due to the lack of following proper procedure. Vicki does not believe that the Board can accept the minutes as minutes but may be able to accept them as documents of interest. Steve Grant asked that this matter be deferred until Larry Beckner has had the opportunity to review the statute and give his legal opinion. Larry Beckner reported that he will perform a review and will supply the Board with his written opinion as to what should be done with the past minutes.

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. 2005 Budget: Bob McCormick reported that he handed out a revised proposed 2005 budget to the Board. Bob explained that it was necessary to add columns reflecting the actual 2003 budget, the estimated 2004 budget and the proposed 2005 budget. Bob also reported that the numbers under the title "estimated 2004" is actually the adopted budget for 2004. The revenue notes that appear at the bottom of the proposed 2005 budget are for information only and will not appear on the final 2005 budget. The district and sub-district information has been broken down under the revenue notes to help separate the numbers. Bob asked that each member of the Board take a close look at the proposed 2005 budget, especially the expense portion, and have comments and suggestions ready at the next regular board meeting for any changes or improvements.
- B. 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.
- C. Resignation of Scribe: Rhonda Phillips resigned from her position as the scribe for the district due to time constraints. Rhonda agreed to attend the next two regular board meetings unless a replacement is found before that time.

XI. ADJOURN

Bob McCormick made a motion to adjourn the board of directors meeting. Vicki Felmlee seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2004.

Stephen P. Grant, President

Attest: _____
Robert W. McCormick, Secretary