

Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

February 22, 2005

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 Vice-president Vicki Felmlee at 6:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL – Board Members

Vicki Felmlee, Vice President; Bob McCormick, Treasurer; Deborah Davis. President Steve Grant not in attendance.

Others Present: Public, Rhonda Phillips, Scribe.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A member of the public asked if the Forbearance Agreement was signed and if the board knew who the owner of the collateral property was. Bob McCormick answered that the agreement was signed and that he didn't know who the collateral owner was. Larry Beckner is out of town and Bob hasn't had the opportunity to speak with him.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. December 28, 2004 – Deborah Davis made a motion to accept the December 28, 2004 minutes. Bob McCormick seconded the motion. Bob mentioned that he would like to have the Supplemental Budget from this meeting attached to the minutes. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- b. January 25, 2005 – Bob McCormick made a motion to accept the January 25, 2005 minutes. Deborah Davis seconded the motion. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- c. February 8, 2005 - Deborah Davis made a motion to accept the February 28, 2005 minutes. Bob McCormick seconded the motion. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

VI. FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Fire Chief Beaty reported that they are wrapping up the 2004 data for responses. He handed out copies of the Grand Junction Fire Department Preliminary Report Information Year 2004. The GJFD had expenses of \$7,972,520. Average cost per call (operating budget) in 2004 was \$1,035. One thing that is going to change in 2005 is that the fire department is going to priority dispatch which means that all calls will be broken out into categories so not all calls are true emergencies. He also handed out a monthly summary of the Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District, January 2005, and a discussion was held as to the information contained. Expenditures through January 2005 are \$339,282. He asked the board if they would like to have these reports posted. Vicki Felmlee responded that the board would like to continue to have the reports posted. Chief Beaty asked the board how much detail they would like to see on future monthly reports. Bob McCormick reported that he would like to see a 1-page report per month with an annual report at the end of the year. There was a general consensus from the board.

The new Superintendent for the Colorado National Monument has a grant process and has contacted Chief Beaty about the project. Chief Beaty is looking into partnering with them to see about getting a vulnerability study between the district and the Forest Service boundary to include the Colorado River Drainage. This will address how to handle issues in that area in the future.

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT

- a. Financial Issues Update: The bookkeeping service is in place at this time, however, Joy has been experiencing difficulty with the version of Quickbooks on her computer. Bob is working with her to resolve these issues. A full financial report should be available at the next meeting. Our fund balance in the bank is \$133,758.46. There is a reserve of \$63,857 which leaves a balance of \$69,901.46 in the bank that can be spent. The accounts payable for this month is \$7,426.77 which leaves a balance of \$62,474.69. The City of Grand Junction was paid \$500,000 in January. The City is aware that the balance of the \$67,226 will be paid in February or March.

b. February 2005 Payables:

Check #	Payee	Purpose	Amount
6017	Beckner, Achziger, McInnis, Raaum & Shaver, LLC	Legal Svcs	\$5,881.18
6018	Rhonda Phillips	Transcription	206.25
6019	AJ's Tax Service	Bookkeeping	410.00
6020	Bruce Mills, PC	Accounting	648.75
6021	Tery Dixon	Director Fee	100.00
6022	Tery Dixon	Expenses	180.59
Total			\$7,426.77

VIII. ATTORNEY REPORT

Larry Beckner not in attendance.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

None.

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Legislative Update: Deborah Davis reported that House Bill 05-0167, the amendment to 1159 to allow fire protection, has passed the House Committee by unanimous vote and is now pending the Senate Committee and should be heard within 10 days to 2 weeks. House Bill 1033, which concerns the posting of notices on websites that would constitute as a legal posting, was killed in committee because the Press Association strongly opposed this bill because not everyone has access to a website. House Bill 0512 concerns increase compensation to board members. This Bill passed the Senate Committee by unanimous vote and has moved on to the House Committee. It states that board members can receive \$100.00 per meeting with no cap per year. Currently the cap is \$1,200.00 and with the new Bill it would be a cap of \$1,600.00 per year.
- b. By-laws: The board completed discussion on the 2nd draft of the by-laws. Vicki Felmlee will have a new copy of the by-laws at the next regular meeting to be held on March 22, 2005.

XI. OTHER ITEMS

There were no other items to discuss.

XII. ADJOURN

Bob McCormick made a motion to adjourn the board of directors meeting. Deborah Davis seconded the motion. The next regular meeting will be held on March 22, 2005 at 6:30. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2005.

Stephen P. Grant, President

Attest: _____
Deborah Davis, Secretary