

Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

May 24, 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 President Steve Grant at 6:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL – Board Members

Steve Grant, President; Vicki Felmlee, Vice President; Bob McCormick, Treasurer; Deborah Davis, Secretary; Harland Adams.
Others Present: Public; Rhonda Phillips, Scribe.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Bob McCormick asked that item “a” under Action Items be named “Future Meetings”. Steve Grant asked that item “b” under Action Items be named “SDA June 9th Local Meeting”. Vicki Felmlee asked that under Discussion Items letter “a” be added to read “Summary of SDA Compensation Act”. Bob McCormick made a motion to approve the agenda as changed. Harland Adams seconded the motion. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. April 25, 2005: Steve Grant asked to change the spelling of the name Genie Smith to Jeanie Smith under the Attorney Report. Two lines under the name change, the words “Mesa County” should be added before the words “grand jury”. One line below that change, the name Steve Grant should be replaced with Ms. Smith and will read “Ms. Smith does not believe that the case will be brought before.....”. The last line reading “Vicki Felmlee seconded the motion.....” needs to be deleted. Rhonda will make the necessary changes and e-mail the corrected minutes to Deborah Davis. Bob McCormick made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Harland Adams seconded the motion. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

VI. FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Fire Chief Bright was in attendance in place of Chief Beaty. Chief Bright gave out handouts on behalf of Chief Beaty. Today is the one-year anniversary for the department because they moved into the Redlands Fire Station one year ago. For the year, the department has had 603 responses in the Redlands.

At the end of last year the County Commissioners passed the Mesa County EMS Resolution which divided the county into ambulance service areas. This is an effort to make every area of the county responsible for ambulance services. The fire department is now responsible for ambulance services not only for the City of Grand Junction and the Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District. They are responsible for a substantial area out North into the desert to the foot of the Bookcliffs, out through the Monument and up to Glade Park and all the way out the city line. This is a large increase from the previous responsibilities. The City Council notified the County that they would take approximately one year to decide how the service would be provided and would try to have a designated service in place by the end of November 2005. In the interim, the City has entered into a short term agree with the existing private provider, AMR, to continue the service as it has been providing. The department has continued to operate with AMR as a primary transport ambulance service. The City is currently taking proposals from outside agencies for ambulance service. There were three handouts provided to demonstrate how the ambulance service will be selected.

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT

- a. Financial Statements: Bob McCormick handed out a balance sheet to the board for the period of January through April 2005. Bob reported that the check register will be provided at the end of every quarter.

Cash at end of period:	\$ 726,433.03
Total Current Assets:	\$ 1,373,123.45
Income/Expense Statement:	
Total District Taxes:	\$ 338,911.24
Total Sub-District Taxes:	\$ 401,292.56
Total Income:	\$ 743,904.92
Total Administrative Operations:	\$ 40,668.04
Total Fire Fighting Operations:	\$ 567,226.00
Total Tax Collection:	\$ 13,595.58
Total Expense:	\$ 621,489.62
Net Income:	\$ 122,415.30

Harland Adams made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the financial statements from January 2005 through April 2005 as presented. Bob McCormick seconded the motion. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

b. April 2005 Payables:

Check #	Payee	Purpose	Amount
6039	Beckner, Achziger, McInnis, Raaum & Shaver, LLC	Legal Services	\$ 2,060.69
6040	Rhonda Phillips	Transcription	\$ 125.00
6041	AJ's Tax Service	Bookkeeping	\$ 170.00
6042	Special District Assoc.	Workshop	<u>\$ 35.00</u>
		Total	\$ 2,390.69

Deborah Davis made a motion to accept the April payables as presented. Vicki Felmlee seconded the motion. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

VIII. ATTORNEY REPORT

Larry Beckner was agreeable to be in attendance at tonight's meeting but he was unsure what information he could give that Steve Grant couldn't convey. e.NVIZION informed the GJRFPD that the April payment would not be made on time but would be paid by the 15th of May. e.NVIZION then promised to make two installments instead of one payment. The first payment arrived at the beginning of last week in the amount of \$12,500. The second payment was to arrive at the end of last week but it has not yet arrive. Larry Beckner contacted Mr. Bruno today and was assured that the payment would be put in an overnight envelope and should arrive tomorrow. If that payment arrives, e.NVIZION will then be current on their payments until May.

The mortgage on the collateral property in New York has been recorded. Steve Grant will contact the title company and request that they perform a O & E which is an ownership and encumbrance report showing where the GJRFPF stands in relationship to other instruments that have already been filed. He will also try to get the opinion of a broker as to what the building is worth.

At this time, there is no reason to have any tolling agreements signed by those who the district could possibly sue for the loss of the district funds. Since the district is getting the money back on scheduled payments, no funds have been lost. As long as the payments stay current, there is no reason to expend attorney's fees to get the tolling agreements in place. The statue of limitations will apply early next year for the tolling agreements. Larry will present the situation to the board later this year and get a decision, at that time, to determine what direction to take with getting the tolling agreements signed or not signed. The board still has the option

to file legal action against Rob Dixon but at this time records show that he has no assets to attach.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Future Meetings: The meeting schedule is already made for the remainder of this year. The board has the option to cancel unnecessary meetings as needed. A three-day notice must be given in order to cancel a meeting. Steve Grant voiced that the July meeting is critical due to the financial responsibility of the board, but he doesn't believe that meeting in June is of immediate importance due to the fact that the by-laws are complete, payments are coming in as scheduled, etc. He doesn't believe that there is anything pressing that needs to be talked about in June. Vicki Felmlee voiced that she believes that keeping regularly scheduled monthly meetings is very important. She is concerned about e.NVIZION missing payments and not having board meetings to discuss it as well as ongoing legal matters. Deborah Davis voiced that she did not believe that the board should meet quarterly, but she believes that meeting on an every other month schedule would be sufficient. Steve Grant would like to have the option to cancel meetings if there isn't enough business to discuss. He doesn't believe that there is enough business to talk about in June. There was a general board consensus. Steve Grant will call board members a week prior to the regularly scheduled meeting and discuss business, then he will cancel the meeting if there isn't any business to discuss.
- b. SDA June 9th Local Meeting: The Special District Association is holding a local workshop at the Double Tree Hotel on June 9th. The agenda for the workshop was handed to the board. Steve Grant suggested that Vicki Felmlee attend the workshop, Vicki agreed. Deborah Davis will also be in attendance due to her job. The fee for Vicki to attend is \$35.00 and will be paid with check # 6042.

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Summary of SDA Compensation Act: Vicki Felmlee reported that Governor Owens signed the bill to increase board compensation for meetings to \$100.00 per meeting with a maximum of \$1,600 per year. The bill goes into effect in July for newly appointed board members or the next round of board members who are elected. If the board chooses to make the change in compensation, that decision needs to be made by July or August after the election. The current board can increase compensation to \$75.00 from the current \$50.00 at this time if they so choose. Harland Adams does not believe that the board should raise the compensation at this time. Steve Grant voiced that he would be willing to listen to anyone who believes that increasing the board meeting compensation will help

bring qualified candidates to apply to be on the board. Otherwise, he doesn't know why the board should increase their current compensation. Vicki Felmlee reported that the compensation does not have to change and can remain the same until the board votes differently.

OTHER ITEMS

There were no other items to discuss.

XI. ADJOURN

Bob McCormick made a motion to adjourn the board of directors meeting. Harland Adams seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2005.

Stephen P. Grant, President

Attest: _____
Deborah Davis, Secretary