

**Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Grand Junction Fire Station No. 5
October 13, 2009**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL – Board Members:

Board present: Stephen Grant, President, Vicki Felmlee, Vice-President; John Mayerik, Treasurer, Harland Adams and Christa Taylor. Public: Larry Beckner, Attorney, GJ Fire Department Chief Ken Watkins

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The board reviewed the agenda items and President Stephen Grant asked if there were additions or deletions to the agenda. J. Mayerik requested to add budget to the Treasurer's Report and V. Felmlee requested to add under Discussion Items to talk about the conference she attended in Keystone. H. Harland made a motion that the Board approves the agenda with the additions. C. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of July 28, 2009, amended to correct misspellings; H. Adams moved minutes be approved, J. Mayerik seconded , minutes approved 5-0.

VI. FIRE CHIEF REPORT:

Chief Watkins reported that there has been no word on the neighborhood station grant. The Doll grant for the training center was awarded for \$750,000, but they require a dollar for dollar match. The match was dropped, but the money will go toward the 800 mhz radios and not the training center.

City budget will balance for 2009. Still working on 2010 budget and working on options to reduce budget without laying off employees.

Public Safety Incentive – Council decided to not place on ballot. The city is looking into existing budget, so they don't have to go to the voters with the whole cost of the project. S. Grant suggests we look into using vacant buildings that already exist. The Chief responded that the building code is different; they would have to withstand a natural disaster.

Working on an annex study with Clifton and sharing services. The fire department is almost finished with a comparison study of services. They have had meetings with Clifton to discuss what this would look like.

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT:

J. Mayerik presented the Treasurer's report. The budget remains the same for the most part. All other fees are standard. Payables were approved, H. Adams moved, and C. Taylor second.

Financials – our operating expenses did not include the above approved payables. A little was lost on property taxes for the revenues. Grant received letter from Mary Benes. She has been engaged as the auditor for this year.) She will be the auditor for this year. The 2009 auditor letter was given to H. Adams for our files.

Revenue – we may reduce the mill levies this year. We are exempt but it is good to stay within the 5.5% limit increase. L. Beckner doesn't see it being a problem and this is not the year to hit people with increased taxes. The purpose is to give the residence a break in the property taxes. L. Beckner will call John Shaver, City attorney and discuss and let him can decide what steps to take. Motion by V. Felmlee to set the date for the formal hearing to November 24, 2009, H. Adams second.

VIII. ATTORNEY REPORT:

Election officer needs to be designated. Motion by H. Adams to appoint Attorney L. Beckner as our election officer, second by V. Felmlee. Motioned carried 5-0.

We are in compliance with the Senate Bill that will take effect in January for the most part we just need to fill out the forms and submit them. The maps are taken care of. L. Beckner will take care of the forms.

IX. ACTION ITEMS:

Typically our meetings are the 4th Tuesday of the month. V. Felmlee suggested that the meetings be the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Meeting schedule will need to be set in November. The Offices elections will be in May 2010.

Recording secretary – H. Adams motioned to have Harmony Ward be the recording secretary, V. Felmlee second. Motioned carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

V. Felmlee attended the SDA Conference she thanks everyone for the opportunity to attend. Please look through the dates of things to remember that V. Felmlee passed out. Also C. Taylor and J. Mayerik are up for election in 2010.

I. OTHER ITEMS: None

- II. ADJOURNMENT:
Adjourn at 8:30 p.m. H. Adams moved, and V. Felmlee second.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2009.

Stephen Grant, President

Attest: _____
Vicki Felmlee, Vice President