

# Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District

## Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

March 28, 2006

### 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 6:35 p.m.

### II. ROLL CALL – Board Members

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

### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vicki Felmlee noted that under #5 on the agenda, the date for the approval of minutes needs to be changed from March 28, 2006 to February 28, 2006

### IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Two members of the public voiced their concern over the fact that the board is suing prior board members. Steve Grant explained the basics of the lawsuits. A member of the public expressed his belief that the Daily Sentinel was the root of this problem and not prior board members. He again voiced his opinion that the board should not sue prior board members.

### V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. February 28, 2006: Under number VII, b., change payable date from 2005 to February 2006. Also add the word “working” as the purpose of check #6094 payable to Steve Grant. The funds were used for a trip to Denver for legal purposes.

Harland Adams made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections. Vicki Felmlee seconded the motion. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

## VI. FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Chief Bright reported that open burn season is now happening which has increased fire departments calls. The fire department is going to take over ambulance service on July 1, 2006. They are currently recruiting 21 additional new employees to cover fire and ambulance services. Most will serve a dual role as fire fighters and medical personnel. At this time, the staffing at Station #5 will remain the same. Currently that station is staffed with 4 people, which is what the station is designed for.

Vicki Felmlee asked if the fire department would be responsible to respond to a fire at a drilling area if it happens between I-70 and the Bookcliffs. Chief Bright responded that the area is outside of the fire district. He clarified that if there was an injury, the fire department would respond with the ambulance service. If a structure fire did break out, the Sheriff's office could ask the fire department for their help.

Steve Grant asked how many ambulances will be staffed with the fire department. Chief Bright responded that AMR currently has 2-24 hour ambulances and 1-12 hour ambulance. The fire department will have 3 – 24 hour ambulances and 1–12 hour ambulance. There will be 1-24 hour ambulance at Station 2 as well as the 12 hour ambulance. Station 3 will have an ambulance and Station 1 will have 2 ambulances. Station 4 and 5 will not have ambulances.

## VII. TREASURER'S REPORT

- a. Financial Statements: John Mayerik handed out a balance sheet to the board for February 2006.

Cash at end of period:	\$ 68,719.52
Total Current Assets:	\$ 197,210.04
Income/Expense Statement:	
Total Sub-District Taxes:	\$ 39,461.63
Total Income:	\$ 75,201.98
Total Administrative Operations:	\$ 2,525.65
Total Fire Fighting Operations:	\$ 475,000.00
Total Tax Collection:	\$ 1,020.86
Total Expense:	\$ 478,546.51
Net Income:	\$ -403,344.53

Deborah Davis made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the financial statements as amended. Vicki Felmlee seconded the motion. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Steve Grant reported that Bruce Mills office will try to have the audit done by May, 2006.

b. 2006 Payables:

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
6095	AJ's Tax Service	Bookkeeping	\$ 160.00
6096	The Daily Sentinel	Advertising	\$ 56.32
6097	Postmaster	PO Box	\$ 72.00
6098	Beckner, Achzinger, McInnis	Legal Svcs	\$ 1,442.00
6099	City of Grand Junction	Fire Svcs	
		2005 Balance	\$143,137.00
6100	Rhonda Phillips	Transcription	<u>\$ 109.24</u>
		Total	\$144,976.56

Rhonda Phillips was added to the March payables due to a late invoice. Deborah Davis made a motion to accept the payable as amended. Vicki Felmlee seconded the motion. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion carried.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

No items discussed.

IX. ATTORNEY REPORT

Larry Beckner was not in attendance at this meeting. Steve Grant reported that he is going to meet with Larry to discuss the archiving of old meeting audio tapes. He will report on this at the next meeting.

Not all members being named in law suits have not yet been served and are also getting their legal council in order. Steve Gsell requested copies of minutes that were not yet available online. The minutes will be provided.

X. ACTION ITEMS

There are no action items to discuss.

XI. OTHER ITEMS

Vicki Felmlee asked that the board explore the future of the district. She asked how the City or County would absorb the district if the district runs out of money. Harland Adams stated that as long as there is a fire district, there has to be fire district board. Vicki again asked that the board explore options for the future of the fire district. Vicki proposed that persons from the City and the County be invited to future meetings to discuss the future of the fire district. Vicki and Deborah will do some footwork and report on their findings at the next meeting in May.

Deborah Davis made a motion to cancel the regular meeting in April and June. Harland Adams seconded the motion. Roll Call. All Ayes. Motion carried. The meetings in May and July will remain the same. Deborah Davis will post a notice of meeting cancellation.

XII. ADJOURN

Harland Adams made a motion to adjourn the board of directors meeting. John Mayerik seconded the motion. The next regular meeting will be held on May 23, 2006. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

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Stephen P. Grant, President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_