

PENSION BOARD MINUTES FROM 12-20-88

Members present;

L. Benoit, P. Frey, W. Gaskill, J. Hall, R. Larson

1. Minutes of the October 25, 1988 meeting were read and approved without revision.
2. Jim Hall read a letter from Claudia Hazelhurst regarding the design of a proposed Grand Junction Police Retirement Plan enrollment form. The Board decided that we could not see any obvious problems with it but did not know enough about what information was needed on the form from a legal perspective to pass judgement on its acceptability. The form was to be returned to Personnel with this information from the Board. The enrollment form question surfaced after it was realized that new department employee Rod Baker had not been a member of the Plan for his first two months or so of employment because the enrollment form (formerly required by FPPA) was not in place any longer, and the absence of it allowed an oversight with Baker to occur.
3. Bob Larson raised the question of equity in paying bills not associated with money management, such as attorney fees. Should all members pay a portion of the bill based upon the dollar amount they have in the Plan or should it be an equally apportioned cost to each member? We decided that it should be an equally apportioned cost and that Doug Wengelin will be contacted to ensure that he is doing this when distributing such costs over the membership.
4. The question arose over having an attorney available to ask questions of and to seek legal advice from in matters dealing with pension concerns. Jim Hall volunteered to contact Doug Wengelin and Rex Rix at Finance to see if they could provide names of any qualified attorneys.
5. A letter from Doug Wengelin (881220-A) was read reference a request for Board member names who had the authority to set direction for the Plan. The Board decided to adhere to the mandate of the Plan and not deviate from the Chairman being the spokesperson and person authorized to sign agreements and contracts on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the membership. The names will not be sent to Doug as we do not wish to give the impression that there is anyone BUT the Chairman of the Board who is authorized to do this.
6. Discussed the need to amend Section 5.06 of the Plan document that deals with the residual amount always left in an account when a retirement distribution is made from that account. Jim Hall agreed to contact Doug Wengelin to get the recommended wording for the revision. Wording of proposed amendment would then be placed on the ballot along with the January election of officers.

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7. Bob Larson volunteered to find out about the IRS guidelines on percentage of vesting per year, to determine if the Plan document was in compliance.
8. Question of plan qualification by IRS came up. We decided to pursue qualification by letting Doug Wengelin of Central Bank prepare the application documents as explained in Doug's letter (881220-B) to the Board. Paul Frey volunteered to bring in a copy of the Summary Plan Description per Doug's letter that we prepared back when the vote was taken on whether or not to pull out of FPPA.
9. We determined that the Kidder-Peabody contract of September 1987 had expired in September of 1988 (881220-C). It was decided that we need to re-evaluate the services provided by Kidder-Peabody to eliminate those services we no longer need. A drop in services should bring a drop in fees. We will look at other forms that provide "performance monitoring" to compare costs.
10. Lynn Benoit agreed to research the issue of providing liability insurance for Board members.
11. Trustee positions for Bill Gaskill and Bob Larson expired December 12, 1988. Elections for the new positions will occur January 9-11, 1989. Notice of the vacancies was posted 12-20-88.

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