

**5-2-1 DRAINAGE AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
May 24th, 2006  
Mesa County Courthouse Annex  
Grand Junction, Colorado**

**Chairman Karisny opened the meeting at 3:35 p.m.**

**Chairman Karisny called roll of the Board Members**

**Board Members Present:**

<b>Dave Walker</b>	<b>Board Member, Town of Palisade</b>
<b>Dave Karisny, Chairman</b>	<b>Council Member, City of Fruita</b>
<b>Jim Doody</b>	<b>Council Member, of City of Grand Junction</b>
<b>Tilman Bishop</b>	<b>Mesa County Commissioner</b>
<b>Dick Bowman</b>	<b>Grand Junction Drainage District</b>

**Also Present:**

**John Ballagh** (Grand Junction Drainage District Manager), **Trent Prall** (City of Grand Junction, City Engineer), **Eric Mende** (Fruita, City Engineer), **Tim Moore** (City of Grand Junction, Public Works Manager), **Mike Meininger** (Mesa County, Engineer), **Larry Beckner** (Attorney), **Tim Sarmo** (Palisade, Town Manager), **Vohnnie Pearson** (Palisade, Town Planner), **Kate Hofius** (recording secretary)

**Adopt Agenda:**

- Chairman Karisny asked for changes or acceptance of the agenda. Tilman Bishop moved to accept the agenda with one change; to carry the *Action Items* over to the June 28<sup>th</sup> Board meeting as he needed to leave early; Dave Walker seconded the motion. Chairman Karisny polled the Board.

The roll call vote result:	Contracting Party	Vote
	Palisade	aye
	Fruita	aye
	City of Grand Junction	aye
	Grand Junction Drainage District	aye
	Mesa County	aye

**MINUTES**

Chairman Karisny asked for a motion on the Minutes of April 26, 2006. Dave Walker moved to accept the minutes as written; Jim Doody seconded the motion; Jim Doody asked for a correction. He noted that under "*also present*" Mike Meininger was not listed but that he was under the "*Action Items.*" He was listed as making a comment. Dave Karisny polled the Board to accept the minutes with the changes.

The roll call vote results:	Contracting Party	Vote
	Palisade	aye
	Fruita	aye
	City of Grand Junction	aye
	Grand Junction Drainage District	aye
	Mesa County	aye

## Financial Report

- Dave Karisny ask John Ballagh to walk them through the Financial Statements. Dave asked about the Hotline Advertising and Administration categories, the amount and what it purchased. Kate was asked to clarify and report back to the Board.
- Administration of \$2,617.49 was Clerk wages (\$1,847.50), Rent 1<sup>st</sup> QTR (\$600), and the purchase of a fax/copier (169.99)
- Hotline Advertising (\$740.37) was for the printing of the Stickers for the Water Festival (\$462.07) and a Daily Sentinel Ad for the Remodel Expo, including a web site ad for 1 year (278.30).

Dave Walker moved to approve the Financial Report for the Month of April 2006. Jim Doody seconded the motion.

Chairman Karisny polled the Board:

The roll call vote result:	Contracting Party	Vote
	Palisade	aye
	Fruita	aye
	City of Grand Junction	aye
	Grand Junction Drainage District	aye
	Mesa County	aye

## Questions from the Audience

- There were no questions from the audience.

## Status Report & Discussion – John Ballagh

- Dave Walker asked about AMEC requiring a retainer.
- John Ballagh answered that the retainer was not required, contract has been signed and work started, per the attached schedule.
- Dave Walker had questions about the schedule and time frames.
- There was discussion about the StormCon Conference and who should attend, what classes should be attended.
  - Staff agreed to identify some classes of interest and email them so scheduling can be made.
- John Ballagh encouraged the Board Members to attend and have an informal meeting at the Urban Drainage and Flood Control office where they will receive a tour of that facility and use the conference room to meet with AMEC for an update on their progress concerning the Rate Study. It will cost about the same to send the Board Members to Denver for the national conference and the tour than to pay AMEC to come to Grand Junction.
- Tilman Bishop agreed if it was an informal meeting and no discussion takes place since the public does not have the opportunity to participate.
- Dave Karisny asked what Board Members could expect to hear if they go to Denver since that according to the schedule AMEC will be meeting with Staff in Grand Junction on July 12 for three days.

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- John Ballagh encouraged them to attend if possible as they can hear first hand the progress made by AMEC and the direction that the consultant is going. It is a chance to see how others are managing and see their operating with limited staff. Urban Drainage has been operating for 40 years and since the Board has concerns about how big the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority will become, this will be a good chance to see and give an idea what to expect.
- Trent Prall and Tim Moore explained that the meeting in Grand Junction will be with staff members to confirm the direction of the Rate Study and that Board Members are welcome to attend the meeting.
- Jim Doody asked if *Urban Drainage staff* would be present for questions.
- John Ballagh said there would be people there to answer questions. He was not sure who would be present for the Urban Drainage, but sure that Ben will be.
- There was more discussion on the Rate Study Schedule, times, dates, and what to expect.
- Tilman Bishop wondered if AMEC would be ready for Board Member questions in Denver.
- Jim Doody stated that; it is his belief that Board Members should take the initiative and go to Denver and learn what they can before meeting with AMEC to have a better understanding and be able to ask questions that they might not otherwise think of.
- Dave Walker agreed that Board Members are 300 miles away from Denver, why would anyone not take the opportunity to learn everything offered since they have major decisions to make. He asked if this would be the July Board meeting.
- John Ballagh said that it would replace the July 26<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.
- Dave Karisny wanted to express his understanding: 5-2-1 DA will fund the trip to the Stormwater conference, while there they will tour the Urban Drainage & Flood Control facility and possibly have an informal, brief Board meeting with AMEC.
- Tilman Bishop has concerns about the trip. The Public will want to look at the expenditures and want to know why they went to Denver when AMEC will be coming to Grand Junction in the near future.
- Eric Mende asked that they look at the schedule and review it. Eric said that the meeting in Denver could be posted as a work session.
- Tilman Bishop left at 4:05 p.m. for a previously scheduled meeting.
- Trent Prall said he would look at the conference schedule and recommend classes to take and time to be in Denver. He said that Phase II has been a long time coming and the conference will give you a good background and lots of helpful information.
- Dave Karisny asked then that they condense the conference information and advise the Board.
- Vohnnie Pearson told the Board that they shouldn't miss what other communities are doing, that it is a great time to talk with others, ask questions and get information on what has worked and what has not.
- Dick Bowman asked about attending the Pre-Conference. That it seemed to address the questions they are faced with.
- There was discussion on whether to attend the pre-conference meeting on July 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Dave Walker said he would need to know by next week to be able to schedule his time.

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- Trent Prall said he would e-mail the recommendations and asked that the discussion be carried over to the next meeting.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Dave Karisny asked that we carry the action items over to the next meeting as Tilman Bishop was not well and had to leave. That Mr. Bishop had some questions about the items to be addressed.

- Dave Karisny asked Attorney Beckner if the policy had to be in place before the trip to Denver.
- Attorney Beckner said that it would have to be in place before the trip to Denver.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Dave Karisny stated that Dave Walker would also be leaving in 5 minutes (4:30). Rather than get started on another topic, should we adjourn and continue with the June meeting when everyone will be present.

- John Ballagh clarified some changes on the Capital Projects White Paper.
- Page 4, all references to “lobbying” removed.
- 1<sup>st</sup> **bold** & 3<sup>rd</sup> **bold** paragraph, added *major*, multi-jurisdictional capital projects.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

- The next meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2006, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- Mesa County Courthouse Annex, Training RoomA
- Forecast meeting dates are as follows:

July 26<sup>th</sup> (Discussion)  
 August 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 September 27<sup>th</sup>

There being no further business to come before the Board, Jim Doody moved to adjourn. Dick Bowman seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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Dave Karisny, Chairman