

**5-2-1 DRAINAGE AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD
October 11, 2006
Mesa County Courthouse Annex
Grand Junction, Colorado**

Chairman Karisny opened the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Board Members Present:

<p>Dave Karisny, Chairman Tilman Bishop Dick Bowman Jim Doody</p>	<p>Council Member, City of Fruita Mesa County Commissioner Grand Junction Drainage District Mayor, City of Grand Junction</p>
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Board Members Excused, Out of Town:

<p>Dave Walker</p>	<p>Board Member, Town of Palisade</p>
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Also Present:

John Ballagh (Grand Junction Drainage District, Manager), **Julie Constan** (Mesa County, Engineer), **Eric Mende** (City of Fruita, Engineer), **Vohnnie Pearson** (Town of Palisade, City Planner), **Trent Prall** (City of Grand Junction, City Engineer), **Clint Kinney**, (City of Fruita, City Manager), **Bret Guillory** (City of Grand Junction Floodplain Administrator), **Jon Sorenson** (AMEC, Consultant), **Aaron Murray** (AMEC, Consultant), (**Kate Hofius** (Recording Secretary)

Adopt Agenda:

- Chairman Karisny asked for changes or acceptance of the agenda. Tilman Bishop moved to accept the agenda as presented. Jim Doody seconded the motion. Chairman Karisny polled the Board.

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

The Agenda was accepted.

Questions from the Audience

- There were no questions from the audience.

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MINUTES

Chairman Karisny asked for a motion on the Minutes of September 27, 2006. Tilman Bishop moved to accept the minutes with an amendment to include “*local citizen*” in the *Reports – Television Advertisements – fifth bullet*. Dick Bowman seconded the motion. Chairman Karisny polled the Board to accept the minutes.

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

The minutes were accepted with amended comment.

REPORTS

Rate Structure Options and Revenue Presentation - AMEC

- Aaron Murray gave a presentation concerning the Rate Structure.
- There were questions, answers, and discussions during the presentation.
- The rate structure consists of at least three options, being a flat rate (same rate for all residential properties), tiered rate (with at least three tiers), and actual impervious (measuring each property for impervious area).
- The recommended option by AMEC is the Impervious Area Rate Structure (single family residential – 3 tiers; non-single family residential – measure actual impervious area).
- Jon Sorenson gave a Revenue presentation.
- AMEC will send copies of the revenue presentation to the Board and Staff, as they were not available at the time of the presentation.
- Flat fee was not recommended. It looks more like a *tax* than a *utility fee* for service.
- The *utility fee* was recommended to be billed *to owner* of the property.
- Churches and schools are to be billed. They can be put in a separate category and charged a lower fee and given credits if they are MS4 permittee’s.
- Credits might be 3-5% of collected revenue.
- Credits can be given for incentives such as more landscaping, gravel driveways, anything that eliminates/reduces impervious areas according to criteria established by the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority before any bills are sent out.
- Agriculture is typically exempt.
- Jon Sorenson gave examples of towns throughout Colorado and the *utility fee* they choose and some of the background supporting reasons.
- AMEC suggested a Citizens Committee or Taskforce **be created to have a voice in the** process and presenting it to the public. The committee should represent all phases of the community; car dealers, farmers, churches, schools, elderly, families, businesses, etc.
- Be able to tell the public what the *utility fee* will provide for them.

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- There will need to be a *Level of Appeal* for the *utility fee* process.
- Dave Karisny asked what the next step should be.
- Jon Sorenson responded that the Board should finish the discussion on the O & M White Paper and adopt the O & M resolution before they proceed with the Rate Study.

Tilman Bishop left at 4:45 pm.

Casual discussion continued.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- The next meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2006, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- Mesa County Courthouse Annex, Training RoomA
- Forecast meeting dates are as follows:

November 22nd
December 27th

Dave Karisny, Chairman