

**5-2-1 DRAINAGE AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
October 25, 2006  
Mesa County Courthouse Annex, Training Room A  
Grand Junction, Colorado**

**Chairman Karisny opened the meeting at 3:12 p.m.**

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Vohnnie Pearson** (Town of Palisade, City Planner), **Eric Mende** (City of Fruita, Engineer), **John Ballagh** (Grand Junction Drainage District, Manager), **Julie Constan** (Mesa County, Engineer), **Trent Prall** (City of Grand Junction, City Engineer), **Greg Tranior** (Public Works & Utility Operations Manager), **(Kate Hofius** (Recording Secretary)

**Adopt Agenda:**

- Chairman Karisny asked for changes or acceptance of the agenda.
- Changes to the Agenda involved removing the Read-Ahead handout and reschedule this item after the meeting on November 6, 2006 with managers.
- Dick Bowman moved to accept the agenda with the changes. Tilman Bishop seconded the motion. Chairman Karisny polled the Board.

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

The Agenda was accepted with the above change.

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## QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- There were no questions from the audience.

## MINUTES

Chairman Karisny asked for a motion on the Minutes of October 11, 2006.

- Tilman Bishop moved to accept the minutes as written with grammatical errors corrected on
  - ◆ Page 45, 12<sup>th</sup> bullet; remove the second “is.”
  - ◆ Page 45, 14<sup>th</sup> bullet; ad something it doesn’t sound right. The 14<sup>th</sup> bullet now reads: 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.
  - ◆ Page 46, third bullet; remove the word “could.”
  - ◆ Tilman Bishop further recommended including the *hard copy of the power point presentations* by the AMEC consultants.

Jim Doody seconded the motion. Dave Karisny polled the Board to accept the minutes with the above-corrected 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

The minutes were accepted with the corrections.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

- John Ballagh explained the financial statements for September 2006.
- Tilman Bishop asked if \$63,828.57 on the *Profit & Loss Statement* was what the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority had left in its accounts.
- Kate Hofius explained the \$63,828.57 figure is the total spent between January 1, 2006 and September 30, 2006. The balance in the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority is shown on the *Balance Sheet* with double lines underneath the figure (\$174,667.42).

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Jim Doody moved to approve the Financial Report for the Months of September 2006 as reported. Dave Walker seconded the motion. Chairman Karisny asked if there were any other questions before polling the board. There were none.

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

The Financial Statements for September 2006 were accepted as presented.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### O & M Discussion

- Chairman Karisny stated he would like to have the presentation given again.
- Dave Walker asked for clarification of the word *utility fee* as reported in the Minutes.
- Chairman Karisny said he felt that it was a descriptive word for the eventual billing process. The Board has not made a decision on what term will be used.
- Tilman Bishop asked if the trash in the Indian Wash has to be picked up, put on a truck, and hauled to the landfill annually.
- Julie Constan answered *yes*.
- Tilman Bishop asked if trash builds up that bad in Indian Wash every year.
- Julie Constan replied oil cans, paint cans, tires, etc. requires special disposing of and that the County pays for that as well. Hopefully that is something that the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority can assume in the future.
- Chairman Karisny stated that he understands that the *mapping* is going to be the first priority.
- Julie Constan reiterated the need to show all jurisdictions, all entity's lines, manholes, problem areas, etc.

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- Dave Walker agreed that a list of specialized equipment in the valley, privately owned and local government/entity owned, would be helpful.
- Eric Mende commented that he and Trent Prall presently compare price quotes from contractors/suppliers.
- Chairman Karisny clarified the need for maps first, watershed work plans second.
- Julie Constan agreed and added that the watershed work plans are based upon the Basin Master Plans.
- John Ballagh described Indian Wash having a culvert under the railroad that is a *pinch point* where water flow is restricted. The wash has been studied and we know where the problem areas are, others basins need to be studied to define the problem areas. The Basin Master Plan will show what Capital Projects need to be done. The watershed work plans, address who, when, and how often they should be maintained.
- Chairman Karisny asked Staff to define *normal maintenance activities* for the Board.
- Jim Doody asked if “we” do the master plans.
- Julie Constan replied, “Yes, the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority can participate as well as another entity or all of them.
- Tilman Bishop asked if the anticipated entity will do the work and then the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority will take it over.
- John Ballagh responded the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority works on the backbone of the systems, the main channel, not every tributary. The 5-2-1 Drainage Authority may take over an area that has several cross-jurisdictional boundaries that makes it difficult to maintain.
- Dave Walker asked if NPDES permits affect privately owned facilities.
- Julie Constan responded that it does affect them. Detention facilities no matter who owns, operates, and maintains them are post construction best management practices (BMP) and subject to inspection and require assurances that they are working as designed. It will be an expanding task over time.
- Dick Bowman asked of all the washes not being maintained right now, do we know who should be taking care of them and if they are the BLM’s responsibility can we charge them?
- Chairman Karisny asked if the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority would take over maintenance of facilities or washes that are currently being maintained.
- Eric Mende responded that cross-jurisdictional is the key word. There are a lot of variables in the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority taking over maintenance of a facility/basin.

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- Dick Bowman felt that there should be wording to the effect that 5-2-1 Drainage Authority will not step in on private or existing maintained properties.
- John Ballagh explained how Lewis Wash carries water through various jurisdictions.
- Vohnnie Pearson explained there are a lot of little pieces the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority might step in and clean. If the complete channel isn't cleaned in proper order it will create problems up or down stream. If the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority helps clean a portion, others may ask that their portion be cleaned too at an agreed price.
- Dick Bowman stated that if it involves cleaning a portion that CDOT is involved with, CDOT should pay their portion too.
- Eric Mende suggested that we have an intergovernmental agreement with CDOT and a goal of the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority is to use mapping to help maintain and control major washbasins.
- Dave Walker asked about specific highway locations and who is responsible for their maintenance.
- Trent Prall replied IGA's with CDOT have responsibilities detailed by jurisdiction.
- Dave Walker inquired if the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority would potentially have liability.
- Trent Prall added performance is attached to requirements, if they are not met, responsibility reverts back to CDOT.
- Dave Walker asked about building a detention facility to prevent water from getting onto the Interstate, why wouldn't that be CDOT's responsibility?
- Tilman Bishop questioned if Staff should meet with CDOT and discuss some of these issues.
- Dick Bowman asked if a project is funded 100% by the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority who would be responsible for the maintenance?
- Julie Constan replied that it would be a case-by-case basis and determined on merit by the Board.
- Dick Bowman would like some clarification on the process.
- John Ballagh used the National Monument as an example. The water from the canyons coming onto private property is something the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority might get involved in. Where as the drainage channel through the National Monument would not have 5-2-1 Drainage Authority involvement.
- Chairman Karisny asked that the O&M resolution be re-written.
- Tilman Bishop asked that the Resolution be re-written so they can take it to their Boards to review.

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Chairman Karisny asked if they're were other questions on the O&M White paper or the Resolution. There were no further questions.

**HEARING DATE FOR THE 2007 BUDGET**

Chairman Karisny asked for a motion to set the date of November 22, 2006 as the hearing date for the 2007 Budget for the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority.

Jim Doody moved that we set November 22, 2006 as the hearing date for the 2007 Budget for the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority. Dick Bowman seconded the motion.

Chairman Karisny asked if there were further questions before he polled the Board.

Chairman Karisny stated that the 22<sup>nd</sup> is the day before Thanksgiving and asked if the date will still work for everyone. Everyone agreed that it should work or can be continued.

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

November 22, 2006 has been set for the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority hearing for the 2007 Budget.

**CITIZENS GROUP – PR CAMPAIGN**

John Ballagh informed the Board that with the past Steering Committee some groups were not represented, as they were not considered. A new group of volunteers should be used for this process or a combination of past and new volunteers to represent the public. We would like the Board to consider groups that will be affected, groups that have considerable impervious areas.

- Dick Bowman asked for a definition of agriculture.
- John Ballagh said that AMEC reported that there are less than three hundred agriculture properties.
- Chairman Karisny asked if Walker Field Airport and their tenants should be included.

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- The list to consider will include: property management, CDOT, commercial companies, industrial development, energy companies (Halliburton), churches, farm groups, oil and gas, fraternal organization, condo owners, car dealers, Chamber of Commerce, storage facilities, big box community, and hotels.
- Chairman Karisny asked if we should advertise or solicit people for the task.
- Staff felt that there is not much response from advertising. There is a better response if you ask someone to participate.
- Board said that we might get a better response if the volunteers knew how long they would needed, how often will they will need to meet, and what will be expected from their participation.
- Staff and Board agreed that there should be a press release by the local papers.
- Staff would like at least two open houses for the public to participate after the committee finishes.

Tilman Bishop moved that the meeting be adjourned due to the time.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

- The next meeting is scheduled for November 22, 2006, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- Mesa County Courthouse Annex, Training Room A
- Forecast meeting dates are as follows:

December 27<sup>th</sup>

- Forecast meeting dates for 2007 are as follows:

January 24<sup>th</sup>  
 February 28<sup>th</sup>  
 March 28<sup>th</sup>  
 April 25<sup>th</sup>  
 May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 June 27<sup>th</sup>

July 25<sup>th</sup>  
 August 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 September 26<sup>th</sup>  
 October 24<sup>th</sup>  
 November 28<sup>th</sup>  
 December 26<sup>th</sup>

