

**5-2-1 DRAINAGE AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD
November 22, 2006
Mesa County Courthouse Annex, Training Room A
Grand Junction, Colorado**

Chairman Karisny opened the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

Board Members Present:

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

John Ballagh (Grand Junction Drainage District, Manager), **Julie Constan** (Mesa County, Engineer), **Greg Trainor** (Public Works & Utility Operations Manager), (**Kate Hofius** (Recording Secretary)

Budget Hearing:

Chairman Karisny opened the Public Budget Hearing to the public at 3:07 p.m. for comments. There being no one to address the budget hearing, Chairman Karisny closed the hearing for public comments at 3:09 p.m.

Adopt Agenda:

- Chairman Karisny asked for changes or acceptance of the agenda.
- Dick Bowman moved to accept the agenda. Jim Doody 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.

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MINUTES

Chairman Karisny asked for a motion on the Minutes of October 25, 2006.

Tilman Bishop moved to accept the minutes as written with the correction on the adjournment time being corrected from “5:54 p.m. to 4:54 p.m.”

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 time correction.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- John Ballagh explained the financial statements for October 2006.
- Tilman Bishop had questioning the *checkbook register*.
- Chairman Karisny asked about the reported income.
- John Ballagh reported that the income was from the GJDD after completing the GJDD’s statement for the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority for the month of October.

Jim Doody moved to approve the Financial Report for the Months of October 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

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The Financial Statements for October 2006 were accepted as presented.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Citizen Participation – Manager’s Meeting

- Julie Constant gave a brief overview of the Manager’s Meeting held on November 6, 2006.
- John Ballagh said that there is reluctance from the Manager’s to have a citizen’s committee at this point.
- Greg Trainor said that they really weren’t against it, they wanted to know what it would cost and if Staff felt they might be moving too fast for the Board Members.
- Chairman Karisny stated that he understood that the citizen committee would furnish the information that would help the Board have a better understanding of the public’s position and give AMEC the rest of the information they need to finish the Rate Study.
- John Ballagh reminded Board that the *survey portion* of AMEC’s scope of work was cut from the required tasks required of AMEC, however they will help take the results to the public.
- Dave Walker wanted to know how the GJDD’s ballot issue failure to being passed would affect the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority.
- John Ballagh said that in his opinion, it would not affect the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority. There will need to be more education of the public and public involvement before hand.
- Chairman Karisny reiterated his understanding of the next steps, being that level of service will determine the amount of revenue needed. Educating the public on what projects are needed immediately, near future, and long-term future, the cost of maintenance, and without funding what the consequences might be.
- Julie Constan agreed and said the total picture from AMEC hasn’t been completed because they are waiting for Board and Staff to complete policies.
- Dick Bowman asked what kind of picture will the revenue and level of service presented to a citizen’s group determine and if they shouldn’t help decide on the three (3) options being considered.
- Tilman Bishop stated that there needs to be clear decision on where the money collected will be spent, before collecting it.
- Dave Walker reported that Tim Sarmo felt Staff was going too fast for Board to keep up, but he is a relatively newcomer to the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority and he may just need to get up to speed.
- Greg Trainor agreed that Tim Sarmo felt he might be handicapped due to the length of time he has been involved.
- John Ballagh agreed Staff would proceed at a slower pace for Board to grasp concept and options.

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- Tilman Bishop would like to see needs more clearly identified and have a *rainy day fund*.
- There was some discussion on a financial plan with complete decision-making up to the Board.
- Tilman Bishop commented we need to provide education, not accomplishments; be assured it will not pass.
- Julie Constan would like to see January 2007 as “*Information Month*.”
- Tilman Bishop would like to see “need list” vs. “wish list” with an operating budget.
- Chairman Karisny would like to see a *time line* on decisions to be made with a *road map* before going to the public or forming a citizen group.
- John Ballagh gave an example on the Ranchman’s Basin, the drainage, and problems leading to the Big Pipe Project and multi-jurisdictional concerns and responsibilities.
- Greg Trainor gave an example of Indian Wash and problems with maintenance not construction like Ranchman’s Ditch.
- Tilman Bishop asked if the system is working at 1st and Patterson.
- John Ballagh and Greg Trainor responded that it is but piped portion is undersized and will be enlarged with Big Pipe Project.
- There was additional discussion on the Big Pipe Project, location, cost, and time frame.
- Dave Walker feels that the Big Pipe Project should be a project that Board members can follow to see how the process works.
- Greg Trainor explained how the basin studies are done, maps are very important part for insurance, etc. and they have been completed, they are ready to bid the project and start construction in 2007.
- Tilman Bishop asked if they were building to 100-year flood plain requirement.
- John Ballagh explained Persigo Wash, the flood plain and how the all tie together.
- Tilman Bishop stated that this needs to be explained to the public, that it will be a challenge and it shows how important the mapping process will be.

Action Items

O & M Resolution

- John Ballagh stated that if the Board would like for Attorney Beckner to come over and answer questions he would.
- Tilman Bishop questioned the language of using the word “should” vs. using the word “shall.”

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- Dave Walker asked if the O & M resolution relates to goals or directives that should decide which word to use.
- Tilman Bishop said raising the question makes you think more about the direction you want to go.
- Dick Bowman said that the current wording leave room for more direction at a later date. This resolution is about goals and being able to give AMEC what they need to finish the rate study without having firm commitments before hand, indecision gives flexibility.

Tilman Bishop made a motion to accept the Resolution-05 with the agreement that at a later date Staff and Board members look at the strength and what they want to be responsible for.

Jim Doody seconded the motion to approve the O & M Resolution-05-2006.

Chairman Karisny asked if there were further questions and everyone understood that there might be modifications at a later date.

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 O&M Resolution-05-2006 was passed.

READ-AHEAD

Memo to the Budget

- John Ballagh explained the Budget Memo and that the Budget is a draft.
- John stated the Attorney Beckner said that a “rainy day fund” is like an emergency reserve and he will find out what requirements need to be met to use the money in that account.
- Tilman Bishop asked why the *clerk wages* was increased and if the *rent* amount is reasonable.
- Dave Walker stated that the *rent* amount was very cheap in today’s market.

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- Chairman Karisny suggested that the additional in *clerk wages* be put in the *Basin Master Plan*. He also suggested that the *contingency* account be called a *general fund*.
- Greg Trainor asked if there would be an annual report with feed back-not an audit.
- Julie Constan commented that Mesa County would like to see the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority take over the NPDES Public Education.
- Dave Walker asked if the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority would become a review agency for development.
- Chairman Karisny asked when the budget has to approved.
- John Ballagh answered that it should be approved by the end of the year.

Chairman Karisny asked for more questions. There were none.
 Tilman Bishop moved that the meeting be adjourned due to the time.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- The next meeting is scheduled for December 27, 2006, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
 Mesa County Courthouse Annex, Training Room A
- Forecast meeting dates for 2007 are as follows:

January 24 th	July 25 th
February 28 th	August 22 nd
March 28 th	September 26 th
April 25 th	October 24 th
May 23 rd	November 28 th
June 27 th	December 26 th

Dave Karisny, Chairman

