

**5-2-1 DRAINAGE AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
December 27, 2006  
Mesa County Courthouse Annex, Training Room A  
Grand Junction, Colorado**

Chairman Karisny called the roll of the Board Members.

**Board Members Present:**

Dave Walker	Board Member, Town of Palisade
Dave Karisny, Chairman	Council Member, City of Fruita
Richard Bowman	Grand Junction Drainage District
Tilman Bishop	Mesa County Commissioner

Absent

Jim Doody	Mayor, City of Grand Junction
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**Also Present:**

**Steve Acquafresca** (Mesa County Commissioner elect), **John Ballagh** (Grand Junction Drainage District), **Vohnnie Pearson** (Town of Palisade, Planner).

Chairman Karisny opened the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

**Adopt Agenda:**

Chairman Karisny asked for changes or acceptance of the agenda. Dave Walker moved to accept the agenda; Dick Bowman seconded the motion.

Chairman Karisny polled the Board.

The roll call vote results:	<b>Contracting Party</b>	<b>Vote</b>
	Palisade	aye
	Fruita	aye
	Mesa County	aye
	Grand Junction Drainage District	aye

**Minutes:**

Chairman Karisny asked for a motion on the Minutes of November 22, 2006. An in depth discussion followed wherein it was identified by Tilman Bishop and Dave Walker that concerns were raised and reported in the minutes but resolutions of those concerns were not stated in the minutes. The consensus was to have minutes that include the thoughts and directions that finish the discussion. Actions to be taken, directions to staff, reports that are to be presented, and

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other similar information that would allow a person who did not attend the meeting to understand what took place and why it should be in the minutes.

Tilman Bishop moved to accept the minutes without corrections; Dave Walker seconded the motion. Chairman Karisny polled the Board to accept the minutes.

The roll call vote results:	<b>Contracting Party</b>	<b>Vote</b>
	Palisade	aye
	Fruita	aye
	Mesa County	aye
	Grand Junction Drainage District	aye

### **Financial Report – John Ballagh**

John reviewed the November balance sheet, profit & loss statement, and the check register. All invoices are current. The Drainage District invoice/payment was discussed because they were not equal. It was reported that the Drainage District cannot accept payment (revenue) without going over the TABOR limit so the Drainage District contributed staff time. Vohnnie Pearson reported that each contributing party did likewise.

The accounting – audit line item was subject of question about necessity of a written financial report called a *compilation* (without recommendations) if a full audit (which is more detailed and has more tests) is not required. John Ballagh was directed to obtain a written proposal from the consensus that the report is to be contracted for.

Tilman Bishop moved to accept the financial report and accounts payable as presented. Dick Bowman seconded the motion.

The roll call vote results:	<b>Contracting Party</b>	<b>Vote</b>
	Palisade	aye
	Fruita	aye
	Mesa County	aye
	Grand Junction Drainage District	aye

### **2007 Budget**

John Ballagh went over the changes in the 2007 budget that had been suggested following the advertised public hearing November 22, 2006 for the 2007 budget. The Board discussed several line items.

- Specifically, the reduction of the line for administrative contract services was reviewed.

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- The amount was halved from 2006.
- The concerns centered about where monies would come from if they are needed, if the remainder of the budget has been kept lean.
- The contingency line would allow for funding the administrative contract to the 2006 level if necessary.
- Alternatively the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority could go back to the contributing parties for additional funding.
- Tilman Bishop questioned if the budgeted amount for the rate study includes another visit by the consultants. It was reported that one more visit is budgeted, beyond that visit funds would have to be moved from another line item.
- Steve Acquafresca asked about the large annual reserves from 2005 and 2006.
- The response from John Ballagh was that the rate study had been expected in and funded for 2005. In fact the rate study only got going in 2006 and is yet to be completed. A drainage basin master plan is budgeted for 2007. That expenditure will significantly reduce the reserves.

Tilman Bishop moved to adopt “A resolution summarizing expenditures and revenues for each fund, and adopting a budget for the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority, Mesa County, Colorado, for the Calendar year beginning on the first day of January, 2007 and ending on the last day of December, 2007.” Dick Bowman seconded the motion.

The roll call vote results:	<b>Contracting Party</b>	<b>Vote</b>
	Palisade	aye
	Fruita	aye
	Mesa County	aye
	Grand Junction Drainage District	aye

Tilman Bishop moved to adopt “A resolution appropriating sums of money to the various funds and spending agencies, in the amounts and for the purposes set forth below, for the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority, Mesa County, Colorado, for the 2007 budget year.” Dave Walker seconded the motion.

The roll call vote results:	<b>Contracting Party</b>	<b>Vote</b>
	Palisade	aye
	Fruita	aye
	Mesa County	aye
	Grand Junction Drainage District	aye

Tilman Bishop moved to adopt “A resolution regarding the establishment of mill levies against real property for the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority, Mesa County, Colorado for the 2007 budget year.” Dave Karisny seconded the motion.

Discussion followed wherein Attorney Beckner explained that the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority does not have authority to collect taxes on property. He went on to explain that the enabling legislation for the authority does not have directive wording for budget adoption. Whereas Title 32 special district statutes are very clear on procedures for budget adoption; the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority is using those statutes in lieu of going through the exercise of writing some procedures

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just for the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority. Because the Title 32 statutes require the special district to state a mill levy even though it may be zero the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority is similarly stating that the mill levy for the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority will be zero.

The roll call vote results:	<b>Contracting Party</b>	<b>Vote</b>
	Palisade	aye
	Fruita	aye
	Mesa County	aye
	Grand Junction Drainage District	aye

### **Read Ahead**

John Ballagh reviews the draft 2007 schedule with the Board. The steps proposed and time periods are for guidance in the coming year. Acceleration of specific actions will require reordering the steps and milestone dates.

The annual meeting was discussed. A major reason for the annual meeting is to elect Board Officers. Attorney Beckner clarified that there are no statutes that require an annual meeting it is a locally decided activity. The meeting does not require any long-term public notice so may be held within 48 hours of the meeting being posted.

### **Next Meeting date and Starting Time**

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2007, 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. in the Mesa County Courthouse Annex, Personnel Training Room A, 544 Rood Avenue.

Forecast meeting dates are as follows:

February 28 <sup>th</sup>	August 22 <sup>nd</sup>
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	September 26 <sup>th</sup>
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	October 24 <sup>th</sup>
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	November 28 <sup>th</sup>
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	December 26 <sup>th</sup>
July 25 <sup>th</sup>	January 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2008

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

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Dave Karisny, Chairman

