

**REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF  
5-2-1 DRAINAGE AUTHORITY**

**Minutes of the Board  
January 24, 2007  
Mesa County Courthouse Annex, Training Room A  
Grand Junction, Colorado**

**Board Members Present:**

Dave Walker	Board Member, Town of Palisade
Dave Karisny, Chairman	Council Member, City of Fruita
Richard Bowman	Grand Junction Drainage District
Steve Acquafresca	Mesa County Commissioner
Jim Doody	Mayor, City of Grand Junction

**Also Present:**

**Vohnnie Pearson** (Town of Palisade, City Planner), **John Ballagh** (Grand Junction Drainage District, Manager), **Julie Constan** (Mesa County, Engineer), **Trent Prall** (City of Grand Junction, City Engineer), **Clint Kinney** (City of Fruita, City Manager), **Amy Rogers** (American National Bank, Vice President, Cash Management Manger), **Nicole Engbarth** (American National Bank), **Matt Mendisco** (City of Fruita, Intern), **Kate Hofius** (Recording Secretary)

Kate Hofius affirmed Steve Acquafresca's identity as the document signer. Steve Acquafresca was given the prepared Oath of Office, as outlined in the By-Laws. After reciting the Oath of Office aloud, Mr. Acquafresca signed the Oath of Office and Julie Constan notarized his Oath.

Amy Rogers and Nicole Engbarth, representatives of American National Bank were there to have the Board Members sign new "signature cards" for checking and savings. After receiving the required signatures they left the meeting.

Chairman Karisny opened the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

**Adopt Agenda:**

Chairman Karisny asked for changes or acceptance of the agenda. Dave Walker moved to accept the agenda; Jim Doody seconded the motion. It was noted that Trent Prall didn't have the List of Basins with him, however he would still report on the progress.

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
	City of Grand Junction	aye

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**Minutes:**

Chairman Karisny asked for comments or corrections to the Minutes or for a motion on the Minutes of December 27, 2006. Steve Acquafresca stated that his name was spelled wrong. Jim Doody motioned that the Minutes of December 27, 2006 be accepted as written with the exception; Steve Acquafresca's name being corrected. Dick Bowman 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
	City of Grand Junction	aye

**Financial Report – John Ballagh**

John reviewed the December balance sheet, profit & loss statement, and the check register. All invoices are current and the accounts are in balance. Chairman Karisny commented that the Board previously agreed to terminology to “accept” the financial report not “approve” as directed by Attorney Beckner. There was a brief discussion about money market and sweep accounts. John Ballagh reminded the Board that the signature cards just signed were part of opening a savings account. Chairman Karisny asked if the money in the Rate Study had all been spent or if some was being carried over. John Ballagh replied that there is approximately \$26,000 being carried forward to finish the Rate Study.

Jim Doody moved to accept the financial report and accounts payable as presented for December 2006. Steve Acquafresca 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
	City of Grand Junction	aye

**Meeting with the Managers**

John Ballagh opened the discussion stating that Trent Prall's presentation to the Managers on January 17<sup>th</sup> was exceptional. Trent Prall said he understood that the managers wanted more detail from the White Papers. Staff is gathering the information requested and will present that information at the February 28<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. It was discussed that Staff should be able to clearly differentiate between a *utility fee* and a *tax* when presenting. Chairman Karisny asked if they would be delivering a Business Plan.

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Staff acknowledged that they are working on a 15 year Business Plan, and a summary of activities. Staff understood the managers to say they didn't believe that the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority is ready for a "Citizen Committee." Dave Walker questioned if the consultants have selected options to present to the Board since they have the Operation & Maintenance White Papers. Trent Prall answered Mr. Walker saying they are working on options and will present their decisions to Staff. Staff then will recommend several options to the Board that will be fair and defensible.

John Ballagh referred to the managers meeting saying that he feels there is a difference in what the managers would like to see and what the Board would like to see. He also commented that the presentations Trent will give are beyond what the consultants will present. Vohnnie Pearson made comment that there are communication issues in regard to the change in managers. Technical Staff had to bring the new managers up to date through the Steering Committee and events leading up to today. It was agreed that each staff member would meet with their respective managers and try to keep them current of the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority.

Dave Walker asked what type of information to expect from the consultants. Vohnnie Pearson answered that the consultants will give several funding options to choose from with advice from the staff. Dave Walker further inquired if his understanding is correct in that Technical Staff have determined approximate cost of Capital Projects, O&M, and sent that information to the consultants who will in turn use that information to provide the "Shopping List (different levels)" for Board members to use in determining direction of the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority.

Vohnnie Pearson expressed his opinion that different levels of service mean different things to consumers. Example: What one person might consider a Hummer, someone else might consider junk. Dick Bowman then asked if they would still be presented with three levels or options of funding to study. Julie Constan said yes, however the consultants have not moved forward because it was their understanding that the Board wanted some input from the public first whereas the managers do not feel that the information is ready for public presentation.

Dave Walker suggested that the managers attend the February 28<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and hear the presentation Trent Prall will give. After discussion it was decided that the February 28<sup>th</sup> Board meeting will be a *listening* event, no discussion, as it will be lengthy and that Staff should present it to every Board and/or Commissioner in March or April after each 5-2-1 Drainage Authority Board member and Staff member respectively meet with their manager.

There was discussion that the managers were concerned that the consultants provide information to differentiate between a *utility fee and a tax*, that it must be fair and equitable to all, and that it be defensible, if need be.

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## **2007 Activity Schedule**

Board members asked if Staff started a list for a citizen's committee. Use of previous steering committee members was recommended. Collectively, Staff agreed that a list of potential committee members and desired represented groups should be put together for the next regular meeting.

Chairman Karisny said what he heard is that with the information from the February 28<sup>th</sup> Board meeting that the Board will need to decide if they want to have a *Citizen Committee* and the purpose of such committee. He then asked for the position of the other Board member's. Jim Doody said he would like to see one formed. Steve Acquafresca asked questions about the process that had been used to determine a committee and if the original Steering Committee understood there would be a *utility fee*. Staff said that it was understood and recommended that a fee of some type would have to be implemented.

A discussion pursued on the February 28<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and was agreed that there will be no direction from the Board given at this meeting, it will be an informational meeting, each Staff member will meet prior to the Board meeting with their respective Board Member to go over the material, helping the Board members get up to speed and make the Board meeting more understandable as there will be a lot of detailed information covered.

Chairman Karisny reviewed that Board will need to decide on a focus group, citizen committee, or/and having a survey of the Grand Valley done to reach a more broad group of people. Dave Walker stated he would like to see a survey done. Steve Acquafresca suggested that the press/media be asked to be on the *citizen committee* as well as some of the original Steering Committee members.

## **Annual Meeting**

John Ballagh informed the members that the Annual meeting needs to take place in the first quarter of year. It will be a public meeting; we could have refreshments, with press coverage, and invite the original Steering Committee members to attend.

Chairman Karisny declared February 28<sup>th</sup> as the annual meeting and then we can move on to Staff's presentation.

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Basin Lists and prioritization lists in draft form were presented. Staff asked for feed back about the lists and if there were suggestions for these lists. Board suggested that “*NPDES requirements and water quality*” be added to the Project Ranking Criteria.

Trent Prall began by saying that 101 basins have been identified. He briefly discussed what the presentation would include during the February 28<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. He clarified that when talking about *mapping* he is referring to *flood mapping*, not the previously discussed *GIS mapping*. That mapping will map everything in the valley to determine which lines/ditches go where, whose lines/ditches they are, pipe sizes, and other technical information for planning as well as operation and maintenance.

Public lands were briefly discussed. Public and rural areas are being mapped for flooding. Chairman Karisny asked to clarify if “Staff will rank or prioritize projects and then submit them to the Board. Dave Walker asks how the UDFCD prioritizes things. John Ballagh responded that staff would confirm how UDFCD prioritizes projects. Trent Prall added that staff would prioritize and assign costs.

Chairman Karisny asked if anyone had other question, and stated that we are about out of time.

**Next Meeting date and Starting Time**

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for February 28, 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:

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
August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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Dave Karisny, Chairman

