

521 Drainage Authority Minutes Of The Board February 24, 2010

Mesa County Courthouse

544 Rood Avenue, Training Room "B", Grand Junction, Colorado

Board Members Present:

Board Member Absent:

Dave Walker, Chairman Richard Bowman, Secretary Mel Mulder, Vice-Chairman Craig Meis, Treasurer Linda Romer Todd, Assistant Secretary

Technical and Authority Staff Present:

John Ballagh Grand Valley Drainage District, Manager

Julie Constan Mesa County, Senior Engineer

Trent Prall City of Grand Junction, Engineering Manager

Bud Thompson Mesa County, Project Manager
Jim Shanks 5-2-1 Drainage Authority Manager

Guests Present:

Bill Wilson WRC Engineering

Kevin Williams Grand Valley Drainage District, Board Member

Eric Mende EWM Consulting

Called to Order

Chairman Walker called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Roll was called, with Linda Romer Todd absent. Linda is resigning from the City Council. The Grand Junction City Council will have to appoint another councilmember to serve on the 5-2-1 Board.

Review and Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion to adopt the agenda: Chairman Walker

Seconded: Director Mulder

Motion passed with voice vote of 4-0

Consent Agenda:

1. Agenda Item 1 – Review and adopt minutes of the January 27, 2010, Regular Meeting of the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority Board Meeting

2. Agenda Item 2 – Financial Reports

Financial Reports

Overview of Financials - Jim Shanks

- 1. 5-2-1 Drainage Authority-\$50,000 check for the first quarter contract payment to the City of Grand Junction.
- 2. West Crete Cache, LLC February lease and utilities \$2,423
- 3. Beckner, Achziger, Shaver & Stanley, LLC-legal services for December \$752.50
- 3. American National Bank-savings and checking accounts reconciled with last month statements
- 4. Revenue- plan reviews for stormwater permits-\$1500.00 year-to-day. Budget for 2010 is \$6,500.

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda: Chairman Walker Seconded: Director Mulder Motion passed with voice vote of 4-0

End of Consent Agenda

Discussion Items

3. Comment letter to EPA regarding proposed ruling-Jim Shanks

The US Environmental Protection Agency has initiated a rulemaking to amend its stormwater program. One of their proposed changes is to use "Stormwater control measures that harvest, infiltrate, and evapotransporate stormwater, to reduce the volume of pollutant loading of small storms." Final action is anticipated in late 2012.

The map in the EPA slide presentation shows how small an area the 5-2-1 represents. The majority of Western lands are under Federal ownership. The majority of runoff and sediment that flows through our area originates on Federal lands. One of the EPA's stated goals is to expand the universe of regulated discharges beyond urbanized areas. The draft comment letter addresses four of the five bullet points. Director Bowman suggested amending the letter to state that the 5-2-1- Drainage Authority is working diligently to establish partnerships with Federal agencies with lands adjacent to the authority's boundaries to control a significant amount of sediment loading that originates on Federal lands and is carried through our jurisdiction and into the Colorado River.

The Board approved the letter with the suggested addition from Mr. Bowman. The letter will be sent to the EPA by the end of the week. Director Meis suggested expanding the mailing list to include the Congressional delegation.

4. 5-2-1 Drainage Authority asset disposal

- 1. A list of assets was sent to all 5-2-1 Drainage Authority entities for review
- 2. TAC recommends that assets be donated to 5-2-1 member entities.
- 3. Auction off the remaining items using City/County auction.
- 4. ArcEditor software will be used by the City of Fruita
- 5. Some items 5-2-1 Drainage Authority will keep using.
- 6. Keep a record of donated items given each entity.

Motion to donate 5-2-1 Drainage Authority assets to interested 5-2-1 member entities and remaining assets auctioned off at City/County Auction: Director Meis

5. Bosley Wash redesign –Jim Shanks /Trent Prall

Bosley Wash redesign-proposal from the City to reconfigure the detention pond and access roads. Colorado Water Conservation Board may pay for half of the work if it completed by the end of May 2010. The City of Grand Junction proposal to perform design work is for actual labor costs; hourly rate plus benefits with no overhead for a total of \$12,452. TAC looked at this proposal and recommended contracting with the City. This proposal would cost about a quarter of what is budgeted for redesign. There is still no money to build.

Chairman Walker suggested that the facility be designed so that water quality samples may be taken if that is a requirement in the future.

Motion to accept proposal from City of Grand Junction to perform the redesign of Bosley Wash: Chairman Walker

Second: Director Mulder

Motion passed with voice vote of 4-0

6. Public Information Campaign-Jim Shanks

- 1. 5-2-1 Drainage Authority already paid Colorado West Outdoor Advertising (CWOA) in December, 2009 for the billboard contract for 2010. The City of Grand Junction contract will pay the billboard contract for 2011 at the end of 2010 if the Board determines that it is an effective communication tool.
- 2. TAC suggested a professional survey firm conduct a survey on 5-2-1 Drainage Authority and illicit discharges. Mesa State College may be a resource to conduct surveys. Chairman Meis said that the most important thing is to educate people to not discharge illicit materials into the storm sewer. As a part of the City management contract \$15,000 will be spent on a combination of TV spots and bus bench advertising. \$10,000 for billboards will be held until the later part of the year.

7. Managers Report-Jim Shanks

- 1. The stormwater training information and posting to the website will be done by end of the week.
- 2. Auditor Paul Miller is scheduled for March 29th for an independent audit of 2009 finances.
- 3. University Apartments-complaint of tracking mud, BMP not up to code. Issued a Notice of Violation letter and site is much cleaner.
- 4. City Market-tracking mud and had a sweeper on the road to remove mud. Inspector gave a verbal warning and much road is cleaner.
- 5. Large Fire-haz mat discharge as result of fire fighting is exempt from stormwater compliance but clean up from fire is not exempt.
- 6. 5-2-1 Drainage Authority Board members would like a list of active permits by the next meeting.

Next meeting is the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority Annual Meeting scheduled March 24, 2010 in the Multipurpose Room at Mesa County. The City of Grand Junction will appoint a new board member to replace Linda Romer Todd.

Other Comments:

Kevin Williams would like an update of 5-2-1 Drainage Authority transition to the City of Grand Junction posted to the website. Also the EPA letter regarding proposed rulemaking posted on the website.

Eric Mende inquired about the status of his letter to Mesa County and Chairman Walker in regards to retirement funds for the previous 5-2-1 Drainage Authority staff. Chairman Walker will check with Jon Peacock from Mesa County and Larry Beckner, 5-2-1 Drainage Authority Attorney, to see if funds were actually 5-2-1 Drainage Authority or Mesa County funds.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

David R. Walker, Chairman