

GRAND JUNCTION RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (GJRFPD)
P.O. Box 2244 - Grand Junction, CO 81502

Board Meeting Location
Grand Junction Fire Department Administration
625 Ute Avenue, Grand Junction, CO 81501

Minutes of the October 14, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/CALL TO ORDER /ROLL CALL OF BOARD

The meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m. by Director Dave Parmley. The Board members and meeting attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Director Dave Parmley (President), Director Linda Smith (Vice President/Secretary), Director Duncan Brown, and Director Linda Taylor.

Board Member Absent: Director John Mayerik (Treasurer), absent and excused.

Support Staff: Legal Counsel Emily Powell (via teleconference), Grand Junction Fire Department Deputy Chief Gus Hendricks, and Administrator Kammy Tinney (via teleconference)

Public: There were no members of the public present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Director L. Smith to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Director D. Brown. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Director D. Brown to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2025, Regular meeting. Seconded by Director L. Smith. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Motion by Director L. Smith to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2025 Special meeting. Seconded by Director L. Taylor. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS / COMMUNICATION

There were no members of the public in attendance. Deputy Chief Hendricks reported that Matt Smith, Acting Public Safety Director, and Mike Bennett, City Manager, were unable to attend today's Board meeting due to scheduling conflicts.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No items were presented for discussion in Executive Session.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Overview of 2024 International Fire Code ("IFC") Amendments.

Deputy Chief Hendricks reviewed with the Board highlights and amendments to the code that may be of interest to the rural district. The City of Grand Junction City Council adopted the 2024 IFC at its second reading August 16, 2025, with the goal of implementing the code effective September 1, 2025. The City and the

District will also need to adopt a Memorandum of Understanding with Mesa County to ensure consistency in applying the code throughout the County.

Deputy Chief Hendricks noted that the majority of the changes to the 2024 code will impact new construction. Board members present asked questions about various provisions of the code and Deputy Chief Hendricks provided answers where he could. Deputy Chief Hendricks will request answers to other questions from Fire Marshall Kollar.

Attorney Powell noted that adoption of the 2024 IFC with Local Amendments is the first of two the Board will consider in the coming months. The State of Colorado will require implementation of a statewide code by March 1, 2026. Attorney Powell will distribute a legal advisement on this issue from her firm in the next few days.

Motion made by Director D. Brown to adopt Resolution No. 2025-04 Adoption of the 2024 International Fire Code with Local Amendments. Seconded by Director L. Smith. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2026 Budget Draft.

Director Parmley reviewed the proposed 2026 Budget with the Board. The Board noted its general agreement with the 2026 Draft Budget as presented and determined to hold the public hearing to consider adoption of the 2026 budget as part of the November 11, 2025, regular meeting agenda. Director Parmley noted the need to publish notice of the hearing ahead of the November 11, 2025, regular meeting.

b. Briefing on Grand Junction Fire Department 2026 Budget Draft.

Deputy Chief Hendricks reported that the City's budget process began in July. The City Manager requested that all City departments present a flat budget for the 2026 fiscal year, however, the initial budget request from the fire department included an 8% increase that includes much needed funding for staffing of Station 7 and new paramedics to implement a Community Paramedic Program.

c. Set Date for Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of 2026 Budget.

Motion by Director D. Brown to hold the public hearing to consider adoption of the 2026 budget at 4:00 p.m. on November 11, 2025, as part of the regularly scheduled meeting agenda. Seconded by Director L. Smith. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

8. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Deputy Chief Hendricks reviewed the written report with the Board.

- a. **Redlands Fire Code Violation.** Deputy Chief Hendricks reported that Fire Marshall Kollar spoke with the property owner today. The diesel fuel tank is empty, and the gasoline tank is now close to being empty. Fire Marshall Kollar will now determine when the empty tanks need to be removed from the property. Fire Marshal Kollar will continue to follow the matter to conclusion.
- b. **Fire Restrictions.** Deputy Chief Hendricks reported that the Stage 2 Fire Restrictions implemented in July 2025 were rescinded effective September 12, 2025.
- c. **Colorado Open Records Act ("CORA") Request – 2910 North Avenue.** Deputy Chief Hendricks reported that fire department staff responded to a CORA request for information surrounding an incident at 2910 North Avenue.

HB25-1009 – Vegetative Fuel Mitigation Program.

Deputy Chief Hendricks reported that the community can work with Rich Acree of the Mesa County Sheriff's office for vegetative fuel mitigation. The fire department will evaluate the need for code enforcement mid-year and follow up with the addition of a wildfire coordinator to staffing, and once that coordinator is in place there may be an opportunity to consider a mitigation program. The focus for 2026 is public education around voluntary mitigation efforts.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

- a. **Payables**
- b. **Financial report YTD 09.30.25**

Director Parmley presented the District's invoices for approval totaling \$3,851.00 and reviewed the Financial Reports for the period ending September 30, 2025.

Motion by Director D. Brown to approve the payables as presented and accept the financial reports. Seconded by Director L. Smith. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

10. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS / DISCUSSION.

There were no additional items for discussion from members of the Board.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Director L. Smith to adjourn the meeting at 5:11 p.m. Seconded by Director D. Brown. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Next Scheduled Board Meeting Date/Time: November 11, 2025 @ 3:30 p.m.

Minutes Prepared By: *Kammy Tinney, Administrator*

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THIS 11th
DAY OF November, 2025.



David Parmley, President



Linda Smith, Vice President/Secretary