



521 Drainage Authority  
Minutes of the Board Meeting  
June 12, 2019

Mesa County Court House, Training Room A, Grand Junction, Colorado

**Board Members Present:**

Jamie Somerville  
Phyllis Norris  
Jim Grisier  
Dave Karisny  
John Justman

**Technical and Authority Staff Present:**

Ken Haley  
Rick Gunther  
Carrie Gudorf  
Gail Howe  
Trent Prall

City of Fruita  
5-2-1 Drainage Authority  
Mesa County Engineering  
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**Guests Present:**

Bret Guillory  
Andy Reed  
Mike Bennett  
Cody Davis  
Pete Baier  
John Shaver

Town of Palisade  
Wood, Inc.  
City of Fruita  
Citizen  
Mesa County  
City of Grand Junction

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Called to Order**

Board Member Dave Karisny called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m., roll was called.

**Approval of November 27, 2018 Minutes**

- Motion and second to approve the Minutes for November 27, 2018 5.2.1 Drainage Authority Board Meeting as printed.
- Motion Passed with voice vote of 4-0

**Seating of New Board Members**

- Phyllis Norris and Jim Grisier were sworn in under oath as new Board members.

- John Justman arrived late and was not sworn in with the other new members at this meeting. It will be addressed at the next meeting.
- Councilmember Phyllis Norris expressed concern that Commissioner Justman and Jim Grisier were on both the 5.2.1 Drainage Authority Board as well as the Grand Valley Drainage District Board, would that be a conflict of interest? Dave Karisny commented that this can be re-discussed at our next meeting as Commissioner Justman is not present.

#### **Election of Officers**

- Elections did not take place at this meeting as Commissioner Justman was not sworn in.
- Elections will take place at the next board meeting.

#### **Recognition of outgoing Board Chair**

- Dave Karisny recognized Duncan McArthur as the 5.2.1 Drainage Authority Board Chair, the board will have a plaque or another form of recognition made.

#### **Other Business**

- Manager Trent Prall went over a Media and Communications Plan for the 5.2.1 Drainage Authority to roll out this summer consisting of public education and outreach in various formats. There will be informational handouts, updating the website, television spots, and sponsoring of upcoming local water events.
- Board chair Jamie Somerville brought up the completed work at Bosley Wash and the Veterans detention pond, Carrie Gudorf offered to take the board on a tour.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 3:56 p.m.

### **WORKSHOP**

#### **5.2.1 Drainage Authority's Grand Valley Stormwater Unification Plan**

The Board discussed the findings of Wood Environmental & Infrastructure Solutions regarding the Grand Valley Stormwater Unification Plan. There was discussion about the buy-in factor from the different sectors affected and making sure that if there was a user charge imposed, it would need to be equitable across the board. Director Norris voiced that we need to make sure it is a 'fee' and not a 'tax'. The Board unanimously decided that we do have a ways to go before we get to charging a fee. The possibility of creating a citizens group to garner public input was addressed and potentially having them meet with the Drainage Authority BOD.

#### **Proposed Next Steps**

Priority number one is creating a draft for review while considering a feasible timeline. Potential timeline is having a legal assessment done by August/September 2019, a Citizens Advisory Committee from October 2019 to January 2020, and then Board approval by December 2019

or January 2020. The name 'Valleywide Stormwater System' was offered as a 'name' for the project, so all parties are on the same track. There was discussion regarding the Grand Valley Drainage District withdrawing from the 5.2.1 Drainage Authority if we have a solid Intergovernmental Agreement stating their obligations to each other.

### **Manager's Update**

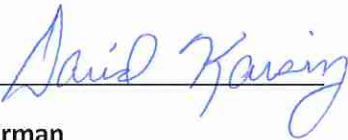
Manager Prall detailed actions of the 5.2.1 Drainage Authority for the coming months:

- Budgeting for the 5.2.1 Operations discussion, are looking at a significant financial investment with our next steps. There are three levels, and hope to have a draft for the next meeting.
- Public education is moving forward with the addition of Ryan/Sawyer Marketing and their print and media campaign.
- There will be another workshop before the annual meeting next month.

### **Next Meeting**

- There was difficulty finding a consensus for our next meeting date and time, Gail Howe will send out a Doodle Poll to streamline the process

Workshop Adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

  
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**Chairman**