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January 15, 2014

A notice of this meeting and workshop was posted on January 10, 2014 at Grand Junction City Hall, 250 N. 5th Street, and at 544 Rood Ave, Grand Junction.

In attendance:

David Ludlam, Chair
Craig Springer, BoD
Mesa County Commissioner, John Justman, Secretary
Dave Frankel
Carley Nelson, Assistant to Chair

Chair DLudlam called meeting to order at 2:03.

Board reviewed minutes from December 18th meeting.

Board approved minutes. DLudlam entertained a motion to approve minutes. CSpringer seconded. Motion passed.

JJustman wasn't present at last meeting and abstained from approving minutes.

Chair opened the floor to general public comment: No comments were offered.

DLudlam opened the floor to discuss the CMU grant agreement concerns.

DFrankel presented resolution to the board.

Resolution instructed staff to prepare contracts with the template that was provided.

DFrankel noted it is identifying successful grant applications.

CSpringer motioned to approve resolution. JJustman seconded. Motion passed.

Resolution adopted.

DFrankel noted that DWagner had a concern on whether allowing public access to grant site at the rec center. The Rec Center only allows students and members to use the facility.

Board realizes the Rec Center is a membership only facility and not open to the public. Their contract does not require CMU to open the facility to the public.

CSpringer moved that the Chairman be authorized by FML district to execute the contracts of the 7 successful applicants. JJustman seconded. Motion passed.

DLudlam presented board with schedule conflicts for him and CReddin for the 22nd.

The City gave DLudlam the idea to have two work sessions a year for the public to be present and have projects to show case in terms of transparency and providing special districts with a unique situation an opportunity to learn about the grant process.

CSpringer showed concern for idea. He thinks district should be leery of predetermined outcomes. He doesn't want to feel uncomfortable with districts presenting projects. Workshops become prepackaged grant applications and he is worried about people front running the process.

JJustman noted he likes the idea of helping more than just one or two in the community.

DLudlam noted he thinks it would make sense to invite all the available entities to a work shop with DOLA on the conference line so that all of the special districts that don't know what is going on can have an opportunity to learn about the FML district. The district could have an educational workshop to give special districts more of an opportunity to be a chosen grant applicant.

JJustman noted smaller entities don't have the staff available for the grant process and thinks having a workshop to help educate would help smaller entities with the process.

CSpringer noted that there are 94 possible applicants and they only received about 11 applications and agreed the district needs to educate and help give others a better opportunity.

Board discussed when to change workshop on the 22nd because of conflict.

Board agreed to move workshop to Friday, January 24 at 2:00.

DFrankel noted he will update the notices to reflect proper date and time.

DLudlam presented board documentation of insurance and noted that coverage will stay the same as last year.

DFrankel summarized insurance coverage.

DFrankel noted that he and CReddins work load will be increasing and wanted the board to be aware of the increase in administrative work.

CSpringer noted they need to elect officers for 2014.

CSpringer moved for DLudlam to be chairman of the Mesa County FML district and for John Justman to be secretary.

DLudlam motioned to elect. CSpringer moved. JJustman seconded.

JJustman elected as secretary and DLudlam was reelected as chair.

DLudlam presented board with letter from The City about not being chosen as an applicant for the grants and suggestions for improvement.

CSpringer noted he doesn't care if his scores were presented to them to help The City understand why they weren't selected.

DFrankel discussed the Colorado Open Records Act. The contracts and scoring are open records and if someone wanted to see them they could, due to the open records act. CORA applies to the Mesa County FML district.

JJustman noted each person scored individually and their reasons for their scoring are their choice.

CSpringer discussed the structure of the scoring process and that the broad scoring spectrum/range affected the scoring process. He thinks there is a better way to score and changing the scoring range will better the process. He thinks the scoring needs to be changed before next grant cycle.

Board discussed Cities concern with matching.

CSpringer doesn't believe that building a house and bringing it in is as beneficial as building a house in town.

DLudlam discussed bench marks for scoring and creating a pass or fail or creating cash match ranges.

DLudlam will respond back with an email and encourage him to attend workshop and share his concerns.

JJustman showed concern for conflicts between the county and the district because of DFrankel being the attorney for the County Commissioners.

DFrankel can discuss with county commissioners whether there is a conflict.

CSpringer noted that the process is just as important as the grants. DFrankel plays a very important role in the district and would be very hard to replace because it is a new and special district.

DLudlam motioned to adjourn. CSpringer moved. JJustman seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55

Minutes for the January 15, 2014 Federal Mineral Lease District Board of Directors meeting. Respectfully submitted by the 2014 Board Secretary, Mesa County Commissioner John Justman.

Signature _____

Date: _____