

**KIOWA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
July 10, 2024**

The Board of Directors for the Kiowa Fire Protection District met in a regular scheduled meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024, with the roll call of members as follows:

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Lee Montgomery  | Present          |
| Andrew Koldeway | Present          |
| Karen Hart      | Present          |
| Debbie Ullom    | Absent-Unexcused |
| Mitch Sturm     | Absent-Unexcused |

The Board of Directors convened at 6:00 pm.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Karen Hart made a motion to approve the Agenda for July 10, 2024. Andrew Koldeway seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Andrew Koldeway made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire Board Directors meeting minutes of June 19, 2024. Karen Hart seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

**Correspondence:**

None.

**Approval of Checks:**

Karen Hart made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire District check #8826 through #8829 and all ACH disbursements, as reviewed by the Board. Andrew Koldeway seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Public Hearing:**

None.

**Report of Officers, Professional Consultants & Committees:**

***Fire Chief Gerald Lamansky submitted his Chief report on the following items:***

**Call Volume:** For the past month there were 48 calls. YTD calls for 2024 are 280. In June 2024, the volunteers logged 495 shift hours. For the 48 responses, there was an average of 2.1 responders per call. Additionally, 46 training hours were logged. Call volume 2% decrease from 2023.

**Monthly Summary Report:** The Board had no questions regarding the Chief's report that was submitted.

***Attorney Bob Tibbals came before the Board to discuss the following items:***

**Legislation.:** Regarding SB24-194, Bob conferred with Elizabeth FPD Chief Steck and Jim White, Chair of Rattlesnake FPD on this statute and fire district contracts with Elbert County. It was the consensus that no action be taken on the County's contract for collecting impact fees since the County decided not to collect impact fees on the District's behalf. Any action on the contract should be deferred until after the General election and when new Commissioners have taken office.

SB24-233, intent is to apply a new property tax limit with exceptions to revenues that have been previously waived by voters for purposes of the 5.5% statutory limit and TABOR. This legislation does not take effect if an initiative is not approved at the 2024 General election. Based on the timing of this legislation and effective dates, completion of the budget process will be delayed.

***Admin/Finance Officer Geri Scheidt came before the Board to discuss the following items:***

**2023 Audit:** Geri reported that work on the 2023 audit is continuing. The audit will be completed and the draft sent for review no later than July 31 and will be an agenda item for the August 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Geri requested approval of an audit extension. Andrew Koldeway made a motion to approve the audit extension for the 2023 audit. Karen Hart seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

**Website:** The new Fire District website went live on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The URL for the website is <https://kiowafire.colorado.gov/>. Updates to the website will be ongoing.

**2025 Budget Committee:** Andrew Koldeway made a motion to appoint Karen Hart and Mitch Sturm to the 2025 Budget Committee. Karen Hart seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered. Chief Lamansky and Geri Scheidt will also be part of the Budget Committee.

**Monthly Summary Report:** The Board had no questions regarding Geri's monthly summary report that was submitted.

**ECCA Board Representative Report:**

Bob Tibbals reported that ECCA continues to move forward with their capital improvements plan.

**Volunteer Report:**

No report.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Quick Med Claims:** Bob reported that he has sent a Notice of Demand letter to the attorney for Quick Med Claims. Quick Med Claims would like to have back-up documents for the reimbursement request that was submitted. Bob will continue to work on this project.

**New Business:**

**Ambulance Accounts:** Outstanding A/R as of 6/30/2024 is \$56,558.35. The breakdown is: 0-30 days – \$2,863.59; 31-60 days - \$8,313.37; 61-90 days - \$14,430.19; 91-120 days – \$2,073.68 121-150 days - \$13,787.39; 151+ - \$15,090.13.

**Long View Estates Development:** CJ Kirst, representative for the Long View Estates Development and Division Chief Kara Gerczynski with Elizabeth Fire District came before the Board to discuss the boundary lines for Long View Estates. This development is 900 acres subdivided into 72 lots (10 acre lots). Fifty parcels would be in the Elizabeth Fire District and 22 lots in the Kiowa Fire District. The request is to de-annex 22 lots from Kiowa Fire and be included in Elizabeth Fire District. The Board agreed to table the matter to the August 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and review the amount of property taxes that would be lost and if the developer would pay the associated costs with the de-annexation process. CJ Kirst stated that the developer is not in agreement to pay any of the costs associated with de-annexing the properties and would leave the boundary line as it exists.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Executive Session:** The Board agreed to move the Executive Session to the August 15, 2024, meeting.

No further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm with the next regular scheduled meeting to commence at approximately 6:00 pm on Thursday, August 15, 2024.

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Lee Montgomery, Chair**

ATTEST: SECRETARY

BY: *A. Schmidt*  
Secretary for the Board of Directors

