

**KIOWA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 15, 2024**

The Board of Directors for the Kiowa Fire Protection District met in a regular scheduled meeting on the 15th day of August 2024, with the roll call of members as follows:

Lee Montgomery	Present
Andrew Koldeway	Present
Karen Hart	Present
Debbie Ullom	Present
Mitch Sturm	Present

The Board of Directors convened at 6:00 pm.

Approval of Agenda:

Andrew Koldeway made a motion to approve the Agenda for August 15, 2024. Mitch Sturm seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Approval of Minutes:

Mitch Sturm made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire Board Directors meeting minutes of July 10, 2024. Andrew Koldeway seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Correspondence:

None.

Approval of Checks:

Andrew Koldeway made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire District check #8830 through #8836 and all ACH disbursements, as reviewed by the Board. Mitch Sturm seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Public Comment:

None.

Public Hearing:

None.

2023 Audit Presentation:

Lisa Pastore with Fiscal Focus Partners presented the 2023 audit to the Board of Directors. Karen Hart made a motion to accept the 2023 audit. Mitch Sturm seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Report of Officers, Professional Consultants & Committees:

Fire Chief Gerald Lamansky submitted his Chief report. Chief Lamansky is on vacation and Deputy Chief Harris attended in his absence.

Call Volume: For the past month there were 44 calls. YTD calls for 2024 are 319. In July 2024, the volunteers logged 791 shift hours. For the 44 responses, there was an average of 2.1 responders per call. Additionally, 54 training hours were logged. Call volume 4% 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:

Bob reported that Governor Polis called for a special session to work out property tax compromise. The hope is that the legislature can implement enough tax cuts to head off two ballot measures that, if passed, would substantially reduce property collections statewide. Local governments, schools and fire districts have said the proposals would devastate funding for critical public services.

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

Website: The new Fire District website went live on July 2nd. The URL for the website is <https://kiowafire.colorado.gov/>. Updates to the website will be ongoing. Geri asked for a motion to decommission the District's old website. Andrew Koldeway made a motion to decommission the Fire District's old website. Mitch Sturm seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Email Domain: Geri reported that .gov came back with suggested email domain names. Geri submitted other domain names and they did not accept those. The new email domain applied for is: KiowaCOFPD.gov. .gov now has another review process of the selected domain name and will notify Geri when that is complete.

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

ECCA Board Representative Report:

Bob Tibbals gave a briefing of ECCA damages to all of their facilities.

Volunteer Report:

No report.

Unfinished Business:

Quick Med Claims: Diane Gadziala with WIBS is finalizing organization of all ambulance accounts that were with Quick Med Claims and send to Bob the week of August 19th and Bob will send this information to Quick Med Claims attorney

Long View Estates Boundary Line: The Board discussed the matter of Long View Estates not paying any money to opt-in to Elizabeth Fire District or to opt-out of Kiowa Fire District. The Board discussed the property tax revenue that would be lost for 22 lots on annual basis along with the impact fees. The Board agreed that since the developer does not want to move forward with the exclusion process there is nothing to discuss on this matter until a proposal comes to the Board for consideration.

New Business:

Ambulance Accounts: Outstanding A/R as of 7/31/2024 is \$52,710.20. The breakdown is: 0-30 days – \$3,070.00 31-60 days - \$600.00 61-90 days - \$4,440.00; 91-120 days – \$9,136.50; 121-150 days - \$7,171.80; 151+ - \$28,292.52.

Geri submitted a list of ambulance accounts that are 151+ days past due. Mitch Sturm made a motion to send 5 identified accounts to collections. Andrew Koldeway seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

2024 Budget Amendment: The Board discussed the overage in the part-time paid staff line item and funding of that line item through the end of the year. Karen Hart made a motion to transfer \$10,000 from the Building Maintenance line item to the Part-Time Paid Staff line item. Mitch Sturm seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Further discussion was use of capital equipment infrastructure impact fees to be used for the District’s portion on the grant for the pram auto loader in the amount of \$29,000. Bob will check with the consultant to make sure this is an appropriate use of the impact fees, but his initial opinion is that this is an allowable expense to maintain a level of service for the District.

Public Comment:

None.

Executive Session:

Mitch Sturm made a motion to go into Executive Session with the attorney for discussion of legal issues. Andrew Koldeway seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Mitch Sturm made a motion to come of Executive Session with the attorney for the Board. Karen Hart seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Statement: The attorney for the Fire District Board, Robert Tibbals affirms that no decisions were made and no formal action was taken during this Executive Session.




Chair of the Board

Robert L. Tibbals, Attorney for the Board

Sick & Vacation Leave: Karen Hart made a motion for Geri Scheidt to stop vacation and sick leave accrual for the Fire Chief and other employee that has reached their maximum accrual limit. Mitch Sturm seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

No further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm with the next regular scheduled meeting to commence at approximately 6:00 pm on Wednesday, September 11, 2024.

MINUTES APPROVED:



Lee Montgomery, Chair

ATTEST: SECRETARY

BY: 

Secretary for the Board of Directors