

**KIOWA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
December 11, 2024**

The Board of Directors for the Kiowa Fire Protection District met in a regular scheduled meeting on the 11th day of December 2024, with the roll call of members as follows:

Lee Montgomery	Present
Karen Hart	Present
Debbie Ullom	Present
Mitch Sturm	Absent-Excused
Kim Welk	Present

The Board of Directors convened at 6:04 pm.

Approval of Agenda:

Kim Welk made a motion to approve the Agenda for December 11 2024. Lee Montgomery seconded the motion. The roll having been called, Director Ullom declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Approval of Minutes:

Karen Hart made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire Board Directors meeting minutes of November 13, 2024. Lee Montgomery seconded the motion. The roll having been called, Director Ullom declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Correspondence:

Received a bankruptcy notice for Wellpath Holdings.

Approval of Checks:

Karen Hart made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire District check #8853 through #8858 and all ACH disbursements, as reviewed by the Board. Kim Welk seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Director Ullom declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Public Comment:

None.

Public Hearing:

The public hearing for the 2025 Budget was opened at 6:07pm. The 2025 budget notice was published in accordance with the law and the proposed budget was open for inspection by the public at Kiowa Fire Station #1, 403 County Road 45, Kiowa, CO and on the District's website. No written or verbal comments regarding the budget were received by any board member or staff member. No public comment was received at the public hearing. Kim Welk made a motion to

close the public hearing at 6:08 pm. Lee Montgomery seconded the motion. The roll having been called, Director Ullom declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

2025 Budget Adoption: Lee Montgomery made a motion that the budget for the General Fund budget as submitted, amended and summarized by fund, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget of the Kiowa Fire Protection District for the year 2025. Karen Hart seconded the motion. The roll having been called, Director Ullom declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

2025 Mill Levy Certification: Kim Welk made a motion that for the purpose of meeting all general operating expenses of the Kiowa Fire Protection District during the 2025 budget year, there is hereby levied a tax of 9.205 mills upon each dollar of the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within Kiowa Fire Protection District certified by the County Assessor in the amount of \$69,839,998 for the year 2025. Karen Hart seconded the motion. The roll having been called, Director Ullom declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

2025 Budget Appropriation: Kim Welk made a motion to appropriate the 2025 budget as follows: That estimated expenditures for each fund are as follows:

Section 1: That estimated expenditures for each fund are as follows:

General Fund.....	\$1,714,644
Emergency Fund.....	\$ 52,209

Section 2: That estimated revenue for each fund is as follows:

General Fund	
Sources Other Than Taxes.....	\$ 298,500
From Tax Levy.....	\$ 642,910
From Other Taxes.....	\$ 70,000
Fund Balance.....	<u>\$ 755,443</u>
	\$1,766,853

Karen Hart seconded the motion. The roll having been called, Director Ullom declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Karen Hart made a motion to authorize and direct Geri Scheidt to finalize the budget for all filings with County and State. Kim Welk seconded the motion. The roll having been called, Director Ullom declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Report of Officers, Professional Consultants & Committees:

Fire Chief Gerald Lamansky submitted his Chief report.

Call Volume: For the past month there were 42 calls. YTD calls for 2024 are 526. In November 2024, the volunteers logged 424 shift hours. For the 42 responses, there was an average of 2.1 responders per call. Additionally, 36 training hours were logged. Call volume 2% decrease from 2023.

Grants: Chief has submitted grant reimbursement requests for the pram auto loader and the new ambulance.

2012 Ambulance: Chief Lamansky presented a request from Agate Fire Chief Larry Rector regarding the purchase of the Kiowa Fire District's 2012 ambulance. After discussing this matter, the Board requested that Chief Lamansky reach out to inquire if Agate Fire District would consider a one-year lease at minimum for the ambulance.

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 discussed that the budget adoption process is completed.

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

CO EMS Supplemental Participation: Geri reported that the 2024 CO EMS Supplemental Participation report has been completed and filed. Next step is the desk review that will be scheduled sometime in February.

Unemployment Insurance Rate: Geri reported that the base rate for 2025 is 0.200%. The notification from Colorado Department of Labor and Employment has been sent to MyPay Solutions.

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

ECCA Board Representative Report:

Bob reported that ECCA has adopted their 2025 budget.

Volunteer Report:

No report.

Unfinished Business:

Quick Med Claims: Bob reported that he submitted the outstanding ambulance billing claim information that Quick Med Claims was expected to have handled for the District and spoke with the attorney for this firm. Quick Med Claims attorney requested time to review the information submitted.

New Business:

Ambulance Accounts: Outstanding A/R as of 11/30/24 is \$25,513.49. The breakdown is: 0-30 days – \$2,430.00; 31-60 days - \$25.00; 61-90 days - \$172.31; 91-120 days – \$0.00; 121-150 days - \$0.00 151+ - \$22,886.18.

BBC Impact Fee Study: Chief Lamansky discussed the contract provided by BBC Research for the assessment of the District's impact fees. The contract, totaling \$12,000, was accounted for in

the 2025 budget. Kim Welk made a motion to approve for the Chair to sign the BBC Research contract. Lee Montgomery seconded the motion. The roll having been called, Director Ullom declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Impact Fee Reimbursement Request: Chief reported that a landowner paid an impact fee of \$2,942 in December 2023 for the construction of a residence but has not proceeded with building the home and is now requesting a refund of the impact fee. The Board agreed to decline the reimbursement request.

Board Officer Positions: The Board agreed to table this agenda item to the January meeting.

2025 Board Meeting Schedule: The Board agreed to table this agenda item to the January meeting.

Public Comment:

None.

No further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm., with the next regular scheduled meeting to commence at approximately 6:00 pm on Thursday, January 9, 2025.

MINUTES APPROVED:



Lee Montgomery, Chair

ATTEST: SECRETARY

BY: 

Secretary for the Board of Directors

