

**KIOWA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 11, 2023**

The Board of Directors for the Kiowa Fire Protection District met in a regular scheduled meeting on the 11th day of January 2023, with the roll call of members as follows:

Debbie Ullom	Present
Ann Alley	Present
Karen Hart	Present
Andrew Koldeway	Present

The Board of Directors convened at 1905 and Chair Debbie Ullom called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda:

Ann Alley made a motion to approve the Agenda for January 11, 2023, with the deletion of Derrick Ross interview and move Kim Welk up to his time slot. Andrew Koldeway seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Correspondence:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

Ann Alley made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire Board Directors meeting minutes of December 14, 2022, as written. Karen Hart seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Approval of Checks:

Ann Alley made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire District check #8704 through #8710, 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

Board Position Interviews:

The Board received 5 applications for the vacant position on the Board of Directors. Applications were received from Julie Pfannenstiel, Lee Montgomery, Derrick Ross, Mitch Sturm & Kim Welk. Interviews were scheduled with these individuals for the January 11th meeting. Derrick Ross withdrew his application. Interviews were conducted with questions and answers from the Board to the candidates and questions and answers from the candidates to the Board. Andrew Koldeway made a motion to appoint Lee Montgomery to fill the vacant Board position. Ann Alley seconded the motion. Further discussion: Debbie Ullom stated she would like to have a candidate with a volunteer perspective. Karen Hart stated that all the candidates had good qualities to bring to the table. The roll having been called, the motion carried.

Report of Officers, Professional Consultants & Committees:

Fire Chief Gerald Lamansky came before the Board to discuss the following items:

Call Volume: For the past month there were 50 calls. YTD calls for 2022 are 535. In December 2022, the volunteers logged 1257 shift hours for 69.8 hours per volunteer firefighter. For the 50 responses, there was an average of 3.3 responders per call. Additionally, 12 training hours were logged. Call volume increased 11% from 2021.

Grants: Chief reported that several of the available grants are now opened and he is working on those applications.

Monthly Summary Report: The Board had no further questions on the Chief's monthly report.

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

2023 Budget & Mill Levy Certifications: Geri reported that the 2023 mill levy certification was submitted to the Elbert County Board of Commissioners and DOLA. The 2023 budget has been filed with DOLA.

FAMLI Program: Geri reported that she filed the opt out provision for the FAMLI program with the State.

Medicare: Geri reported that she submitted the required information to the Ground Ambulance Data Collection System. This report is to determine if Medicare payments for ground ambulance services are adequate.

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

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

Bob discussed the 2023 election and reported that there is no legislation that affects fire districts at this time.

Bob stated that there has been no further news on the HIPPA complaint.

ECCA Board Representative Report: Bob reported that the new two year agreement with Douglas County dispatch has been approved. ECCA is moving forward with the radio replacement project.

Volunteer Representative Report: No report.

New Business:

Ambulance Accounts: Outstanding A/R as of 12/31/2022 is \$45,462.61. The breakdown is: 0-30 days – 24,526.16; 31-60 days - \$3,233.97; 61-90 days - \$3,276.00; 91-120 days - \$1,044.46; 121-150 days - \$747.52; 151+ - \$12,634.50.

Public Comment:

None.

Board Resignation:

Ann Alley submitted her resignation with the Kiowa Fire District as a Board of Director effective at 8:29pm. The Board agreed to appoint Ann’s replacement from the applications that have been received and will make that decision at the February 8, 2023 Board meeting.

Special Meeting:

Bob reported that the surrounding Fire District Boards will like to hold a Joint Special Meeting on Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at 6:30 pm at the Rattlesnake Fire Protection District. Karen Hart made a motion to have a Special Board meeting with the surrounding fire districts on January 31, 2023, at 6:30 pm at Rattlesnake Fire District. Andrew Koldeway seconded the motion. Further discussion: there needs to be a Zoom option for this meeting and that the agenda is shared with Kiowa Fire for posting. 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 2037 with the next regular scheduled meeting to commence at approximately 1900 on Wednesday, February 8, 2023.

**KIOWA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
KIOWA, COLORADO**

APPROVED BY:

REVIEWED BY:

ATTEST: SECRETARY

**BY: _____
Secretary for the Board of Directors**