# KIOWA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING February 12, 2025

The Board of Directors for the Kiowa Fire Protection District met in a regular scheduled meeting on the 12th day of February 2025, with the roll call of members as follows:

| Lee Montgomery | Present |
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| Mitch Sturm    | Present |
| Karen Hart     | Present |
| Debbie Ullom   | Present |
| Kim Welk       | Present |

The Board of Directors convened at 6:09 pm.

#### Approval of Agenda:

Mitch Sturm made a motion to approve the Agenda for February 12 2025. Karen Hart seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair 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 January 9, 2025. Debbie Ullom seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

#### Correspondence:

None.

### **Approval of Checks:**

Debbie Ullom made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire District check #8865 through #8875 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.

#### 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 45 calls. YTD calls for 2025 are 45. In January 2025, the volunteers logged 452 shift hours. For the 45 responses, there was an average of 2.1 responders per call. Additionally, 26 training hours were logged. Call volume 14% decrease from 2024.

**Equipment:** Chief Lamansky reported that the 2008 Pierce engine is in for repairs. The Tender has been moved to Station #2.

**ISO Review:** Chief Lamansky reported that the ISO review was completed. Preliminary results indicate that ISO will remain as it currently is. Final results are expected in 7-12 months.

**2024 Annual Report:** Chief Lamansky submitted the 2024 Annual Report.

**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 the request of the property owner for the Board to reconsider their decision to not refund previously paid impact fees. The Board declined to reconsider the request.

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

**CO EMS Supplemental Payment Program:** CO EMS Supplemental Payment program desk review will begin February 21<sup>st</sup> and need to be completed by March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**SB25-077** – **Modifications to Colorado Open Records Act:** This Senate Bill changes CORA request reasonable time to respond from 3 to 5 working days and extends time for an extension if there are extenuating circumstances from not exceeding 7 additional days to not exceeding 10 additional days.

**HB25-1053** – **Landowner Immunity for Emergency Access to Property:** The bill provides immunity from civil liability for damage or injury to persons or property, other than that which arises from gross negligence or willful misconduct, to a landowner who allows access to the landowner's property for entry and exit in connection with an emergency.

**2024 Audit**: Geri reported that the 2024 audit is underway.

**2025 Election**: Deadline to file Self Nomination & Acceptance forms for Board positions is February 28, 2025 at 5pm. There are three Board positions open for election, each serving a 4 year term. At this time, one application has been filed by Kim Welk.

Colotrust Account Transfers: Geri discussed transferring money for three Colotrust accounts. Debbie Ullom made a motion to transfer \$28,918.21 from Community Banks of Colorado to Colotrust Impact Account. Kim Welk seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered. Debbie Ullom made a motion to transfer \$28,841.93 from SB-238 Colotrust account and \$27,706.20 from SB23B-001 Colotrust account to the main Colotrust account. Kim Welk seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

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

Volunteer Report: No report

### **ECCA Board Representative Report:**

Bob Tibbals reported that ECCA is considering negotiating with Douglas County 911 for a full merger. The consensus of the board was not in agreement regarding such a merger.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**Quick Med Claims Accounts:** Bob reported that he has received a letter back from Quick Med Claims attorney with a counter proposal and Bob is recommending mediation on this matter.

**Board of Director 2025 Meeting Schedule:** Geri reviewed the 2025 Board meeting schedule she sent to the Board for review. Meeting dates are: February 12; March 13; April 9; May 15; June 11; July 9; August 13; September 10; October 9; November 12; December 11.

#### **New Business:**

**Ambulance Accounts:** Outstanding A/R as of January 31, 2025 is \$23,757.50. The breakdown is: 0-30 days – \$0.00; 31-60 days - \$0.00; 61-90 days - \$285.00; 91-120 days – \$2,145.00; 121-150 days - \$25.00; 151+ - \$21,302.50. There are 14 accounts in collections totaling \$18,267.71.

**BBC Impact Fee Study:** Fire Chief Lamansky discussed the BBC Impact Fee Study he previously submitted to the Board for their review. The Board discussed several items in the impact fee study.

Debbie Ullom made a motion that after review of the BBC Impact Fee Study to increase impact fees for residential homes to \$4,875 per lot and applicable fire flow fees remain at \$1,040 per lot effective June 1, 2025. Kim Welk seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Debbie Ullom made a motion to increase non-residential impact fees to \$2.44 square foot effective June 1, 2025 and if they do not meet the criteria of being near a hydrant, the \$1,040 fire flow impact fee will apply. Kim Welk seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

#### **Public Comment:**

None.

Executive Session for Attorney Client Privilege: Kim Welk made a motion that the Kiowa Fire Protection District Board of Directors will now go into Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(3) & (4), to discuss legal matters and/or pending legal action with the District's Attorney, which in the opinion of the attorney, who will be in attendance during the Executive Session, believes that all or a portion of the discussion will constitute privileged attorney/client communications. Karen Hart seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Kim Welk made a motion that the Kiowa Fire Protection District Board of Directors will now come out of Executive Session with the Attorney for the Board. No formal action was taken by the Board, including, but not limited to, any proposed policy, position, resolution, rule or regulation or formal action in contravention with C.R.S. 24-6-402(4). No further record was kept of this Executive Session. 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

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Mitch Sturm made a motion to authorize Bob Tibbals to offer to Quick Med Claims mediation for the dispute between the parties regarding the Quick Med claims. Karen Hart 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 pm with the next regular scheduled meeting to commence at approximately 6:00 pm on Thursday, March 13, 2025.

**MINUTES APPROVED:** 

Lee Montgomery, Chair

ATTEST: SECRETARY

Secretary for the Board of Directors