

**KIOWA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
March 13, 2025**

The Board of Directors for the Kiowa Fire Protection District met in a regular scheduled meeting on the 13th day of March 2025, with the roll call of members as follows:

Lee Montgomery	Present
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 March 13, 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 February 12, 2025, with the correction that Chief Lamansky was present for the meeting and the ISO Review final report completion will be within 7-12 months. Mitch Sturm 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 #8876 through #8880 and all ACH disbursements and void check #8870 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 30 calls. YTD calls for 2025 are 76. In February 2025, the volunteers logged 386 shift hours. For the 30 responses, there was an average of 2.1 responders per call. Additionally, 22 training hours were logged. Call volume 25% decrease from 2024.

**Equipment:** Chief and Mechanic Aaron Lutter discussed the cost of repairs to the 2008 Pierce engine. The Board agreed to proceed with repairs at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.

**Personnel Update:** Chief reported the Deputy Chief position is restructured into two roles: EMS Captain and Fire Captain and a firefighter/paramedic to better support operational needs. 15 applications for the open position have been received and interviews with prospective replacements are now in progress.

**Training Center:** Byers Fire District is now included in the list of departments that have committed to using the Training Center in 2025.

**Residential Accessibility:** Chief will be meeting with County representatives to discuss a resident within the District whose inadequate driveway access on Way of Goodness impedes emergency response efforts. Due to impassable driveway conditions, ground units were unable to reach the patient, necessitating an Air Life response.

**Communication Tower Impact Fee:** Chief reported an invoice in the amount of \$3,300 was submitted for impact fees related to the construction of a communication antenna at CR 105 and Hwy 86. This marks the first impact fee collected that will be collected from an antenna project within the district since the fee was added to the district's fee schedule.

**Long View Estates:** Chief reported that the developer for Long View Estates contacted him regarding fire protection within the development. Lots in this development are shared by Elizabeth and Kiowa Fire District. Chief reminded the developer of the Board's decision made several months ago to retain all lots within the district and not transfer them to another jurisdiction

**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:***

**2024 Impact Fee Resolution:** Bob reviewed the resolution adopting updated impact fees for the District. The Board made a motion at the February 12, 2025, meeting to adopt updated impact fees in the amount of \$4,875 per dwelling unit for residential development and \$2.44 per square foot for non-residential/commercial development effective June 1, 2025. Further discussion, was to add the fire flow fee to the resolution. Debbie Ullom made a motion to adopt Resolution 25-01 and add the fire flow fee to the language, effective June 1, 2025. Karen Hart seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

## **RESOLUTION 25-01 ADOPTION OF UPDATED IMPACT FEES BY KIOWA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**Legislative Items:** Bob discussed the following legislature:

**HB 25-1088 – Cost for Ground Ambulance Services:** Allows ambulance services to submit to the division of insurance the established rates for ambulance services if rates meets specified conditions. This bill passed.

**HB 25-1053 – Landowner Immunity for Emergency Access to Property:** This bill would grant immunity from civil liability to landowners who allow access to their property during an emergency. This bill passed.

**HB 25-1030 – Accessibility Standards in Building Codes:** This bill requires that local government adopt or amend local building codes to meet or exceed IBC accessibility standards. This bill passed.

**HB 25-1009 – Vegetative Fuel Mitigation:** This bill allows a fire protection district to create a program to remove dead or dry plant material from private property and assess a fine per incident of non-compliance. This bill passed.

**HB 25-1242: Government Transparency Laws:** This bill reflects changes to the Colorado Open Records Act. This bill failed.

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

**CO EMS Supplemental Payment Program:** Geri reported that the desk review with CO EMS Supplemental Payment program has been completed. The next step is receiving their decision regarding the reimbursement amounts within the timeframe of August to September.

**2024 Audit:** Geri reported she has uploaded all requested documentation for the 2024 audit and will be collaborating with the auditors throughout the audit process.

**2025 Election:** Four applications were submitted for the three Board positions open for election, each serving a four-year term. Self-Nomination and Acceptance forms were received from Kim Welk, Lee Montgomery, Randy Rafferty and Jay Vier. All candidates and all applications were deemed sufficient. These forms were sent to the Secretary of State's Office on March 3rd. A notice was emailed to all candidates informing them of the election details, including a lot drawing to determine the order of names on the ballot scheduled for March 5th at 5:30 PM at the Kiowa Fire Station. All candidates were invited to attend the lot drawing. The ballot was certified to the Elbert County Clerk on March 6th. The polling place for the election will be the Ag Building at the Elbert County Fairgrounds and election judges have been hired.

**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 it was noted that the FCC license for the District's 800 mhz repeater expired over a year ago. Chief Lamansky sent a letter to ECCA requesting assistance in this matter and ECCA has agreed to apply for the renewal of the license and will cover 100% of the associated costs.

Bob discussed there is no framework on how a merger would occur between ECCA and Douglas County if approved. The Elbert County Chief's meeting was canceled so there is no additional information on any preliminary negotiations on a "so-called merger" at this time.

ECCA is continuing with repair and improvement projects.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**Quick Med Claims Accounts:** Bob reported that he is in the process of coordinating a date for a mediation session. The Board will be informed once a date has been established. Board members who are interested in attending the mediation session are welcome to do so.

### **New Business:**

**Ambulance Accounts:** Outstanding A/R as of February 28, 2025. Diane has changed billing software from Medworx to Zoll and is still in the process of learning how to generate the reports we need. In the Medworx system, she still has \$17,087.50 that is 151+ past due and these accounts are all inmates and will be contacting the jail to see what the delay is in receiving payment on these accounts.

**2025 Budget Amendment:** Lee Montgomery brought to the attention of the Board that there is an error in the 2025 budget concerning the salary allocation for the two firefighter/paramedic positions. Original budget was \$54,438 and correct salary should be \$59,386.80. Further discussion was with the restructuring from the deputy chief position to the two captain positions, the captain position salaries would be set at an annual salary of \$68,500. Debbie Ullom made a motion to amend the 2025 to increase the two firefighter/paramedic positions to \$59,386.80 and the captain rank salaries at \$68,500. Mitch Sturm seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered. Debbie Ullom made a motion to check the payroll system for correct salaries and back pay the two positions to January 1, 2025, for the corrected salaries. Mitch Sturm seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

**Public Comment:** None.

No further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm with the next regular scheduled meeting to commence at approximately 6:00 pm on Wednesday April 9, 2025.

MINUTES APPROVED:

  
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Lee Montgomery, Chair

ATTEST: SECRETARY

BY:   
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Secretary for the Board of Directors

