

**KIOWA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 14, 2023**

The Board of Directors for the Kiowa Fire Protection District met in a regular scheduled meeting on the 14th day of June 2023, with the roll call of members as follows:

Debbie Ullom	Absent-Excused
Andrew Koldeway	Present
Karen Hart	Present
Lee Montgomery	Present
Mitch Sturm	Present

The Board of Directors convened at 1800.

Approval of Agenda:

Mitch Sturm made a motion to approve the Agenda for June 14, 2023. Lee Montgomery seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Vice Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Correspondence:

Thank you cards from residents.

Approval of Minutes:

Karen Hart made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire Board Directors meeting minutes of May 10, 2023. Mitch Sturm seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Vice Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Approval of Checks:

Mitch Sturm made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire District check #8742 through #8746, and all ACH disbursements, as reviewed by the Board. Lee Montgomery seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Vice Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Public Comment:

Kim Welk & Terie Velez joined the Board meeting via Zoom.

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 49 calls. YTD calls for 2023 are 210. In May 2023, the volunteers logged 1163 shift hours for 63.5 hours per volunteer firefighter. For the 49 responses, there was an average of 2.7 responders per call. Additionally, 53 training hours were logged. Call volume 4% decrease from 2022.

Grants: The District received the \$35,368.00 EMTS grant funds for the cardiac monitors. No update on the SCBA grant.

Buildings: The south parking lot at Station #1 still has drainage problems. With all of the rain, the lower floor the Station addition flooded. A fix to correct this problem is being researched. Rattlesnake Fire used the Burn Building for a live fire training.

Equipment: The bed slide, topper and drawer system for the Support truck has been installed.

Certifications: Volunteer Lieutenant Sidney Morrison successfully completed Paramedic School and passed his National Registry exam. Volunteer Ethan Dunlop successfully passed his National Registry for EMT.

Medical Supplies: Chief Harris secured \$5,000 of Narcan.

Business Inspections: Chief reported that 15 business inspections were performed.

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 Election: The May 2, 2023 election was canvassed and filed and accepted by DOLA. Karen Hart, Mitchell Sturm & Lee Montgomery took their Oath of Office and these Oath's have been filed and accepted by DOLA and filed with the Elbert County Clerk & District Court.

CO EMS Supplemental Payment Cost Report: The District will know July-August what the reimbursement amount is for this program.

Statewide Internet Portal Authority: Geri sent the agreement to Bob Tibbals for review and discussion at the June Board meeting. Bob reviewed the agreement and Geri will research moving the website host to SIPA and report her findings at the July meeting.

Auditor: Geri met with Greg Viergutz to discuss new auditing firms for the District.

Board Training: Geri reported that Larkspur Volunteer Fire Auxiliary is hosting a Fire District Symposium on September 15, 2023 at Larkspur Fire Protection District Station 161. The symposium will be covering topics such as power of elected leaders talking with elected leader; what assistance can fire districts anticipate from county, state and federal agencies during large-scale emergency responses; who runs the fire district, responsibility of elected fire district board of directors; staying out of court & mistakes that will lead there, case studies and moderated panel discussion by the presenters. Karen, Mitch, Lee & Andrew would like to be registered to attend this symposium. The cost is \$25 per person and includes lunch.

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 election where Kiowa Fire successfully passed a ballot measure to de-gallagherize and the effects on the District property taxes.

ECCA Board Representative Report: The ECCA Board approved the purchase of new radios and the replacement program will replace the oldest radios first.

Volunteer Representative Report: None.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Ambulance Accounts: Outstanding A/R as of 5/31/2023 is \$54,653.58. The breakdown is: 0-30 days – \$27,926.10; 31-60 days - \$8,041.12; 61-90 days - \$9,614.40; 91-120 days - \$3,535.00; 121-150 days - \$2,335.00; 151+ - \$3,201.96.

Out-of-District Response Charge: Bob and Chief Lamansky discussed a charge to be implemented for out-of-district medical transports. This would be a separate tiered billing fee that the transported patient will pay. Chief Lamansky will be discussing this item with the Elbert County Chiefs Association. The Board agreed to table this matter to the July Board meeting.

EMT On Scene Fee Schedule Revision: Chief Lamansky discussed that the on scene fee schedule for special events needs to be increased from \$25 to \$40 per hour. Mitch Sturm made a motion to increase on scene fee to \$40 for special events. Lee Montgomery seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Vice Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Kiowa Fire District Mill Levy: The Board discussed the letter received from Elbert County inviting the District to participate in a joint meeting of all taxing entities at 1:00 pm., June 21st at the Elbert County Fairgrounds to discuss various scenarios related to the passage of Referendum HH. The Board agreed to table any decision on lowering the District's mill levy until after this meeting to the August/September meeting when the District's assessed valuation has been certified by the County Assessor.

Xcel Letter: The Board did not have sufficient information to discuss this matter if impact fees can be applied to Xcel projects and tabled it to the July Board meeting.

Public Comment:

Kim Welk stated that the public needs to be educated on the out-of-district fee schedule.

Terie Velez had no comment or questions.

No further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1855 with the next regular scheduled meeting to commence at approximately 1800 on Wednesday, July 12, 2023.

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

APPROVED BY:

REVIEWED BY:

ATTEST: SECRETARY

BY: _____
Secretary for the Board of Directors