

**KIOWA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
January 14, 2026**

The Board of Directors for the Kiowa Fire Protection District met in a regular scheduled meeting on the 14th day of January 2026, with the roll call of members as follows:

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| Lee Montgomery | Present |
| Kim Welk       | Present |
| Karen Hart     | Present |
| Jay Vier       | Present |
| Mitch Sturm    | Present |

The Board of Directors convened at 6:00 pm.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Jay Vier made a motion to approve the Agenda for January 14, 2026. Karen Hart seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Kim Welk made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire Board Directors meeting minutes of December 11, 2025. Jay Vier 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 #8932 void check #8909 and approve all ACH disbursements as reviewed by the Board. Kim Welk seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Public Hearing:**

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 46 calls. YTD calls for 2025 are 562. In December 2025, the volunteers logged 364 shift hours. For the 46 responses, there was an average of 2.1 responders per call. Additionally, 66 training hours were logged. Call volume 1% decrease from 2024.

**Grants:** Chief applied for a \$26,000 Firefighter Safety & Disease grant to purchase an SCBA mask testing machine. This is a 100% funded grant with no matching funds required.

**Equipment:** Chief reported the Dodge ambulance is back in service for repairs. This is the sixth maintenance visit for the vehicle, which currently has only 12,000 miles.

**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 reported legislative session has resumed. At this time, no pending legislation has been identified that would affect fire/ems operations.

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

**Payroll Provider:** The District has officially transitioned to Paychex as our new payroll provider for 2026.

**2026 Budget Filings:** The 2026 budget and all supporting documentation have been filed with and officially approved by the Department of Local Affairs. The 2026 mill levy was filed with and accepted by the Elbert County Board of County Commissioners. The budget is posted on the District website.

**2025 Impact Fee Memo:** The 2025 Impact Fee Memorandum showing total revenue and expenditures along with specific project allocation is complete and has been posted to the District website for public review.

**2026 Transparency Notice:** The 2026 Transparency Notice was filed ahead of the January 15 deadline. Filings were submitted to the Special District Association, Town of Kiowa and the County Assessor, Treasurer, Clerk & Recorder and Board of Commissioners. Additionally, the notice has been filed and accepted by DOLA and is currently available for public view on the District website and in the Administrative office.

**Barbara Morris Hardship Application:** Geri presented a request for a hardship review of Barbara Morris' account, which carries a current balance of \$2,933.98. This amount represents the patient's responsibility following insurance payments for two dates of service in 2025. Kim Welk made a motion to deny the hardship request of Barbara Morris. Karen Hart seconded the

request. The roll having been called, Jay Vier voted "no". Motion carried. Further discussion: The District will accept monthly payments on this account.

**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 reported ECCA is planning to submit a request to the PUC for a 20% increase to their current surcharge.

**Unfinished Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

**Ambulance Accounts:** Outstanding A/R as of 12/31/25 is \$122,136.57. The breakdown is: 0-30 days – \$36,730.00; 31-60 days - \$8,844.30; 61-90 days - \$8,763.27; 91-120 days – \$6,384.13; 121-150 days - \$8,123.68; 151-180 days - \$7,912.53; 181+ - \$45,378.66.

**Public Comment:** None

No further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm, with the next regular scheduled meeting to commence at approximately 6:00 pm on Wednesday, February 11, 2026.

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

  
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Lee Montgomery, Chair

**ATTEST: SECRETARY**  
**BY:**   
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Secretary for the Board of Directors

