

**KIOWA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
December 11, 2025**

The Board of Directors for the Kiowa Fire Protection District met in a regular scheduled meeting on the 11th day of December 2025, with the roll call of members as follows:

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:

Mitch Sturm made a motion to approve the Agenda for December 11, 2025. Jay Vier seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Approval of Minutes:

Jay Vier made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire Board Directors meeting minutes of November 12, 2025. Karen Hart 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 #8918 thru #8921 and #8931, void check #8922 thru #8930 approve 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.

Public Hearing:

The public hearing for the 2026 Budget was opened at 6:07pm. The 2026 budget notice was published in accordance with the law and the proposed budget was open for inspection by the public at Kiowa Fire Station #1, 403 County Road 45, Kiowa, CO and on the District's website. No written or verbal comments regarding the budget were received by any board member or staff member. No public comment was received at the public hearing. Vice President Kim Welk stated

for the record her dissatisfaction with the current staffing levels in the budget, specifically the absence of a sixth firefighter/paramedic position. She further discussed that monthly reports do not provide a detailed breakdown of payroll expenses per position and expressed concern regarding the budget review process, noting that she felt limited in her ability to provide comprehensive input. Mitch Sturm made a motion to close the public hearing. Jay Vier seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

2026 Budget Adoption: Mitch Sturm made a motion that the budget for the General Fund budget as submitted, amended and summarized by fund, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget of the Kiowa Fire Protection District for the year 2026. Jay Vier seconded the motion. The roll having been called, Kim Welk voted “no” the Chair declared the motion carried and so ordered.

2026 Mill Levy Certification: Karen Hart made a motion that for the purpose of meeting all general operating expenses of the Kiowa Fire Protection District during the 2026 budget year, there is hereby levied a tax of 10.208 mills upon each dollar of the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within Kiowa Fire Protection District certified by the County Assessor in the amount of \$75,293,864 for the year 2026. Mitch Sturm seconded the motion. The roll having been called, Kim Welk voted “no” the Chair declared the motion carried and so ordered.

2026 Budget Appropriation: Karen Hart made a motion to appropriate the 2026 budget as follows: That estimated expenditures for each fund are as follows:

Section 1: That estimated expenditures for each fund are as follows:

General Fund.....	\$2,182,332
Emergency Fund.....	\$ 62,618

Section 2: That estimated revenue for each fund is as follows:

General Fund	
Sources Other Than Taxes.....	\$ 447,380
From Tax Levy.....	\$ 768,633
From Other Taxes.....	\$ 82,000
Fund Balance.....	<u>\$ 946,937</u>
	\$2,244,950

Jay Vier seconded the motion. The roll having been called, Kim Welk voted “no” the Chair declared the motion carried and so ordered.

Mitch Sturm made a motion to authorize and direct Geri Scheidt to finalize the budget for all filings with County and State. Jay Vier seconded the motion. The roll having been called, Kim Welk voted “no” the Chair declared the motion carried and so ordered.

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 2025 are 514. In November 2025, the volunteers logged 325 shift hours. For the 50 responses, there was an average of 2.1 responders per call. Additionally, 58 training hours were logged. Call volume 2.5% decrease from 2024.

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 that there is no special legislative session.

The status of the Xcel Energy project remains unchanged since the last update.

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

CO EMS Supplemental Report: Geri reported that the CO EMS Supplemental report was completed and certified. The desk review will be conducted sometime in February 2026.

Payroll Provider: It is necessary for the District to transition away from MyPay Solutions due to dissatisfaction with their services. The search for a new payroll partner has concluded with the selection process being focused on Paylocity.

ECCA Reimbursement: ECCA has agreed to reimburse the District for half of the monthly AT&T MDT bill costs. The monthly cost is \$480.48 and we will receive a check for \$2,402.40, which covers 10 months of reimbursement. Geri submitted the November 2025 bill for processing this payment.

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 adopted their 2026 budget and authorized the extension of the dispatch agreement with Douglas County. ECCA will be pursuing a 20% per line increase with the PUC in 2027.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

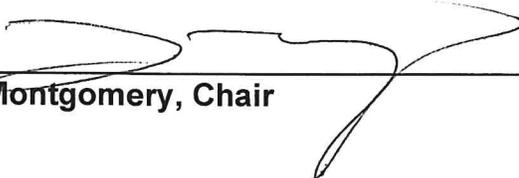
Ambulance Accounts: Outstanding A/R as of 11/30/25 is \$119,475.41. The breakdown is: 0-30 days – \$35,701.68; 31-60 days - \$6,468.27; 61-90 days - \$8,302.51; 91-120 days – \$10,636.61; 121-150 days - \$9,004.00; 151-180 days - \$10,631.29; 181+ - \$38,731.05.

2026 Board Officer Positions: Mitch Sturm made a motion to keep the 2026 Board officer positions unchanged from 2025. Jay Vier 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 7:36 pm, with the next regular scheduled meeting to commence at approximately 6:00 pm on Wednesday, January 14, 2026.

MINUTES APPROVED:



Lee Montgomery, Chair

ATTEST: SECRETARY

BY: 

Secretary for the Board of Directors

