

**KIOWA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
May 15, 2025**

The Board of Directors for the Kiowa Fire Protection District met in a regular scheduled meeting on the 15th day of May 2025, with the roll call of members as follows:

Lee Montgomery	Present
Kim Welk	Present
Karen Hart	Present
Jay Vier	Present
Mitch Sturm	Absent-Excused

The Board of Directors convened at 6:01 pm.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Karen Hart made a motion to approve the Agenda for May 15, 2025. Jay Vier 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 April 9, 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 #8886 through #8892 and all ACH disbursements as reviewed by the Board. Jay Vier 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 37 calls. YTD calls for 2025 are 166. In April 2025, the volunteers logged 302 shift hours. For the 37 responses, there was an average of 2.1 responders per call. Additionally, 41 training hours were logged. Call volume 9% decrease from 2024.

**Facilities:** Chief reported that the Training Center's \$8,000 upgrade, which included a ventilation prop and sprinkler prop, was mostly funded by community in-kind donations, leaving only \$1,000 to be covered. An additional donation of 30 tons of recycled asphalt was also received.

**Forest Ridge Cistern:** Chief is working with contractors on the repair of the Forest Ridge Cistern. This project is part of the 2025 budget.

**Developments:** Chief announced that the Board of County Commissioners approved the Cypress Creek Solar Farm. The plan review for this project will be handled by Elizabeth Fire Division Chief Gerczynski.

**Monthly Summary Report:** The Board had no regarding the Chief's report that was submitted.

### ***Attorney Bob Tibbals came before the Board to discuss the following items:***

**Legislation:** Bob reported that the legislative season is over for the year. HB 25-1088, Costs for Ground Ambulance Services, was vetoed by Governor Polis. SB-77, Modifications to the Colorado Opens Record Act, was vetoed by Governor Polis.

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

**2025 Election:** Geri reported that the 2025 Election has concluded and all results have been finalized. The official election filings have been submitted to and accepted by the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). Certificates of Election have been issued and sent to all successful candidates. This election information, including results, is now available on the District website. We appreciate the participation of all candidates and voters in this election process.

**2025 Coordinated Election:** Geri reported that the District received an inquiry from the Elbert County Clerk about potential participation in the November 2025 coordinated election including any Tabor ballot issues. Notification deadline date to the County Clerk's Office is July 25<sup>th</sup>. The Board chose not to participate.

**Address for Cistern at Forest Ridge:** Geri reported that she applied for an address to be issued for the cistern site at Forest Ridge. The Assessor assigned 27601 Forest Ridge, Kiowa, CO 80117 to this property.

**Worker Compensation Insurance:** Geri reported that Public Sector Health Insurance is now offering access to an exclusive workers' compensation program designed to reduce costs while

enhancing claims service, claims management and risk control through 7710 Insurance. Geri will research what the rates would be for the Fire District.

**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 that Jim White's position on the ECCA Board is open at this time. Bob also discussed that a merger between ECCA and Douglas 911 Communications Center will not happen in 2025.

Bob requested an alternate representative from Kiowa Fire District be appointed to the ECCA Board. Kim Welk made a motion to appoint Chris Gay as the alternate representative. Karen Hart seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Quick Med Claims Accounts:** Bob will discuss this matter further in Executive Session.

**New Business:**

**Ambulance Accounts:** Outstanding A/R as of 04/30/25 is \$71,787.79. The breakdown is: 0-30 days – \$23,427.50; 31-60 days - \$10,608.64; 61-90 days - \$10,922.04; 91-120 days – \$2,395.00; 121-150 days - \$250.00; 151-180 days - \$6,530.30; 181+ - \$17,654.31. There are 25 accounts in collections that total \$33,319.73.

**Executive Session for Discussion regarding Fire Chief remaining time, succession plan and benefits/payout:** Karen Hart made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S., for discussion of the Fire Chief position succession plan. This Executive Session will include Fire Chief Gerry Lamansky. Kim Welk seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Karen Hart made a motion to come out of Executive Session. The Board took no formal action 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). Kim Welk seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

**Committee Formation for New Fire Chief:** Jay Vier made a motion to form a committee of two Board members to start the transition search for candidates for a new fire chief. Kim Welk seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Karen Hart made a motion to appoint Kim Welk and Jay Vier to the Committee to start the search for new fire chief candidates. Kim Welk seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

**Executive Session for discussion with Attorney for negotiations with Quick Med Claims regarding Outstanding Accounts:** Karen Hart made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving advice from legal counsel on specific legal questions and relative negotiations related to outstanding accounts with Quick Med Claims as authorized by §24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S. Jay Vier seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Karen Hart made a motion to 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. Kim Welk seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

**Statement:** The Attorney for the Board acknowledges and reaffirms that no policy or decision was made during this Executive Session and no further record was kept of this Executive Session.

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Robert L. Tibbals, Attorney

  
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Lee Montgomery, Chair

**Public Comment:** None.

No further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm with the next regular scheduled meeting to commence at approximately 6:00 pm on Wednesday, June 11, 2025.

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

  
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Lee Montgomery, Chair

**ATTEST: SECRETARY**

BY:   
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Secretary for the Board of Directors

