

**KIOWA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
July 9, 2025**

The Board of Directors for the Kiowa Fire Protection District met in a regular scheduled meeting on the 9th day of July 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 July 9, 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 June 11, 2025. 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:**

Mitch Sturm made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire District check #8898 through #8904 and approve all ACH disbursements as reviewed by the Board. Karen Hart 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 48 calls. YTD calls for 2025 are 269. In June 2025, the volunteers logged 306 shift hours. For the 48 responses, there was an average of 2.1 responders per call. Additionally, 76 training hours were logged. Call volume 2% decrease from 2024.

**District Development Projects Update:** Chief reported on the following developments:

**Xcel Transmission Line:** The Elbert County Board of Commissioners rejected the Xcel Transmission Line project. Xcel plans to appeal this decision to the PUC.

**Solar Farm:** The Solar Farm project is progressing.

**Long View Development:** The developers have been informed they will need to build two entrances and exits for the development: for the project, with one designated for the Elizabeth Fire in their district and the other for the Kiowa Fire District in our district.

**EC West Development:** This development is advancing as planned.

**Insurance Claim:** Chief reported that repainting the bay doors at Station #1 cost \$2,600. Since this was below the \$5,000 insurance deductible, the repairs were covered by the Building Maintenance budget line item. Damage to the 2020 Expedition is estimated at \$9,500. Insurance will issue a check for \$8,500, after the \$1,000 deductible. Chief asked the Board to inspect the vehicle and provide their input on the proposed repairs.

**Grants:** Reimbursement request has been submitted for the Firefighter Safety & Disease grant in the amount of \$11,980, which covered 10 sets off lightweight protective gear. The District has been awarded \$10,056.90 from the 2025 EMTS grant to purchase a second automated CPR device for the new ambulance.

**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 he submitted a clean opinion letter to the auditor for the 2024 audit.

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

**Banking Operations:** Geri requested approval to move \$25,000 from the Community Bank of Colorado account into the Colotrust-Capital Equipment account, consistent with the 2025 budget. Mitch Sturm made a motion to approve the transfer of \$25,000 from Community Bank of Colorado account to the Colotrust-Capital Equipment account. Karen Hart seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

**2025 Budget Committee Appointment:** Geri requested two members of the Board be appointed to the 2025 Budget Committee for the 2026 budget. Kim Welk made a motion to appoint Karen Hart and Mitch Sturm to the budget committee. Jay Vier seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

**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 ECCA is completing capital projects.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Quick Med Claims Accounts:** Bob requested an Executive Session to discuss attorney/client privileges regarding the Quick Med Claims accounts.

**New Business:**

**Ambulance Accounts:** Outstanding A/R as of 06/30/25 is \$100,031.25. The breakdown is: 0-30 days – \$29,155.00; 31-60 days - \$21,102.49; 61-90 days - \$8,272.33; 91-120 days – \$8,135.00; 121-150 days - \$7,944.13; 151-180 days - \$2,120.00; 181+ - \$23,302.30. There are 26 accounts in collections that total \$33,319.73.

**2024 Audit:** Lisa Pastore with Fiscal Focus Partners came before the Board to present the 2024 audit. Mitch Sturm made a motion to approve the 2024 audit. Kim Welk seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

**Wex Fuel Card Report:** Chief reported that the criminal case for the fuel theft is moving forward. The total loss is being calculated and the next court hearing is scheduled for August 1st, following two previous appearances. Paperwork for restitution is underway.

**Executive Session:** Mitch Sturm made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of considering legal advice for negotiations under C.R.S. Section 24-60402(4)(e) Quick Med Claims. Kim Welk seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:32 pm

Return to Open Meeting

The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:45 pm

Chair Lee Montgomery announced that the Board has been in Executive Session and the following persons participated: Kim Welk, Mitch Sturm, Karen Hart, Jay Vier, Chief Gerry

Lamansky, Lee Montgomery and Attorney Bob Tibbals. Lee Montgomery, Chair, asked if there were any matters not included in the motion for an executive session or violations of the Open Meetings Law, and if so, that these concerns be stated for the record. No concerns were stated.

Mitch Sturm made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Jay Vier seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Report from the Executive Session: The executive session was within the scope of the statute. Kiowa Fire District Attorney Bob Tibbals was present throughout the executive session, which is protected by the attorney/client privilege.

Mitch Sturm made a motion to accept the offer of \$24,280 from Quick Med Claims. Kim Welk 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 7:08 pm, with the next regular scheduled meeting to commence at approximately 6:00 pm on Wednesday, August 13, 2025.

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

  
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Lee Montgomery, Chair



**ATTEST: SECRETARY**

BY:   
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Secretary for the Board of Directors