

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

The Board of Directors for the Kiowa Fire Protection District met in a regular scheduled meeting on the 9th day of April 2025, with the roll call of members as follows:

Lee Montgomery	Present
Mitch Sturm	Present
Karen Hart	Present
Debbie Ullom	Absent-Unexcused
Kim Welk	Present

The Board of Directors convened at 6:01 pm.

Approval of Agenda:

Mitch Sturm made a motion to approve the Agenda for April 9, 2025. Karen Hart seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Vice Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Approval of Minutes:

Mitch Sturm made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire Board Directors meeting minutes of March 13, 2025. Karen Hart seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Vice 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 #8881 through #8885 and all ACH disbursements as reviewed by the Board. Karen Hart seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Vice 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 53 calls. YTD calls for 2025 are 129. In March 2025, the volunteers logged 656 shift hours. For the 53 responses, there was an average of 2.1 responders per call. Additionally, 37 training hours were logged. Call volume 9% decrease from 2024.

Apparatus/Equipment: Chief reported that the 2008 Pierce engine repair is pending the delivery of replacement parts. Station #1 experienced a total power outage during the blizzard when the backup generator failed. Repairs are pending following a service call.

Grants:

Firefighter & Safety Disease Grant: This is a 100% grant and has been awarded in the amount of \$11,980.00 and will be used to purchase 10 sets of Tech Gen lightweight personal protection gear for use on medical calls, wildfires and motor vehicle accidents.

EMTS Grant: The first review for the EMTS grant has been held. This grant funding is to support the acquisition of an automated CPR device. The District requested \$10,000 which constitutes 50% of the total project cost of \$20,000.

Cypress Creek Grant: To improve information dissemination, Chief proposed reallocation of the Cypress Creek \$15,000 funds to be used for PPE towards the purchase of a \$20,000 LED electronic message board for the fire station. This message board will allow the District to communicate important updates regarding road closures, weather conditions, wildfire activity and burn restrictions to the public. The remaining \$5,000 in project costs will be covered by the building/maintenance budget line item. Cypress Creek is in agreement with the proposed reallocation of project funding.

Forest Ridge Cistern Repair: Chief reported that the cistern repair quotes he has received are averaging \$28,000. Karen discussed the need for some type of building structure to cover the electrical panels. Chief will check with the electrician on whether or not it needs to be an enclosed structure.

Staffing: Chief briefed the Board on current paid and volunteer staffing levels and recent training activities.

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:

Legislative Items: Bob reviewed the legislative items from the March 13th meeting.

Mitch Sturm discussed that HB25-1273, Residential Building Stair Modernization, is being proposed to require municipalities with a population of 100,000 or more, to modify building codes to allow five stories of a multi-family residential building to be served by a single exit.

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

2025 Election: Geri reported that the Notice of Election was sent to the Ranchland News for publication in the April 3 and 10th edition of the newspaper. This publication is earlier than the April 16th requirement due to the publication dates of the newspaper. Polling place sign is required to be posted by April 16th and was posted on April 9th. Ballots are to be available by April 14 to voters who request an absentee ballot and ballots were available March 25. April 29th is the last day to request an absentee ballot.

Member Handbook: Geri reported that she added that the Captain salary is calculated at 138% of the EMT salary and that is now added on Section E.5 of Regular Pay Procedures on page 30 of the Member Handbook. Karen Hart made a motion to approve the addition to the Member Handbook. Mitch Sturm seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Vice Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

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 is scheduling a meeting with this company to see what it can offer and what the rates would be for the 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 discussed the topic of a potential merger between ECCA and Douglas County Communications Center was addressed, with the conclusion that ECCA is unlikely to pursue this course of action.

Unfinished Business:

Quick Med Claims Accounts: Bob reported that he is reviewing the analysis of these accounts submitted by the attorney for Quick Med Claims. The counter offer will be submitted to the Board for consideration at the May meeting.


New Business:

Ambulance Accounts: Outstanding A/R as of 03/31/25 is \$75,158.23. The breakdown is: 0-30 days – \$25,735.00; 31-60 days - \$15,401.42; 61-90 days - \$6,125.04; 91-120 days – \$2,220.00; 121-150 days - \$8,135.58; 151-180 days - \$2,360.00; 181+ - \$15,181.19. There are 24 accounts in collections that total \$33,034.73.

Public Comment: None.

No further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm with the next regular scheduled meeting to commence at approximately 6:00 pm on Thursday, May 15, 2025.

MINUTES APPROVED:



Lee Montgomery, Chair

ATTEST: SECRETARY

BY: 

Secretary for the Board of Directors

