

**KIOWA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 11, 2017**

The Board of Directors for the Kiowa Fire Protection District met in a regular scheduled meeting on the 11th day of January 2017, with the roll call of members as follows:

Jim Jerrold	Present
Ann Alley	Absent-Excused
Debbie Ullom	Present
Greg Albers Sr.	Present
Greg Birky	Absent-Excused

The Board of Directors convened at 1900 and Chairman Jim Jerrold called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda:

Debbie Ullom made a motion to approve the Agenda for January 11, 2017. Greg Albers Sr., seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chairman declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Correspondence:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Debbie Ullom made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire Board of Directors meeting minutes of December 14, 2016, as written. Greg Albers Sr., seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chairman declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Approval of Checks:

Greg Albers Sr., made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire District check #7497 through #7516, and all other disbursements as reviewed by Board members. Debbie Ullom seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chairman declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Public Hearings:

None.

Report of Officers, Professional Consultants & Committees:

Fire Chief Gerry Lamansky came before the Board to discuss the following items:

Call Volume: For the past month there were 27calls. 2016 YTD calls are 364. In December 2016, the volunteers logged 1545.00 shift hours for an average of 49.8 hours daily and 118 hours per volunteer firefighter. For the 27 responses, there was an average of 3.2 responders

per call. Additionally, 26 training hours were logged. The 2016 year ended with 364 calls. This is a 1% increase from 2015. The volunteer firefighters performed 18,542 hours at a cost of \$0.42 per hour to the District, once again proving the invaluable worth of our volunteer membership.

Grant Awards: Chief submitted the list of entities that were awarded the Energy Mineral Impact grant.

Vehicles: Chief reported that the Dodge Durango was involved in an accident and he is waiting for the insurance report.

Fire Incident: Chief reported that the District received a bill in the amount of \$1,950.00 from Rampart Helicopter for services rendered at the CR 93 Fire. The details regarding this invoice are: At the County Road 93 Fire which occurred on December 5, 2016, Chief Lamansky was still off-line and Lt Garza was Acting Chief. (This was the incident in which he sustained his injury). During this fire, which consumed 77 acres and threatened a \$2.4 million home, Chief Steck from Elizabeth Fire was the Incident Commander. At one point during the incident Chief Steck requested Rampart Helicopter out of Castle Rock to provide "water drops". The decision to call the helicopter was not only based on need but based on our perceived understanding that Elbert County would pay for the initial \$3,500.00 of helicopter time. (This was based on what we thought was an agreement that the County made after the County Road 102 Fire 5 years ago.) Several weeks ago Rampart Helicopter submitted an invoice to Elbert County for \$1,950.00 (one hour of flight time). Elbert County's Office of Emergency Management and Sheriff Heap in turn stated that the bill is not their responsibility but the responsibility of the Fire District where the incident occurred, therefore Kiowa Fire. Chief Lamansky and Chief Steck had numerous conversations with Sheriff Heap and Alex Jablowski (The County Emergency Manager) to convey their disagreement and dissatisfaction of the Sheriff's decision to not pay this invoice. Unfortunately, Elbert County is insistent that no such agreement or budget line item exists to pay for helicopter requests. Therefore, Chief Lamansky & Chief Steck have contacted the State of Colorado for assistance in reimbursement through the Wildland Emergency Response Fund (WERF).

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

2017 Budget: Geri reported that she filed the 2017 Budget electronically with DOLA on 12/15/16. Additionally, Geri hand delivered the mill levy certification to the Board of County Commissioners Office in person on 12/15/16 and filed the mill levy certification electronically with DOLA on 12/15/16. These documents are posted on the District website as well.

2017 Transparency Notice: Geri reported that the 2017 Transparency Notice was filed with DOLA electronically on 12/15/16, emailed to the Elbert County Clerk & Recorder Office and posted on the District website.

2016 Audit: Geri reported that the field portion of the 2016 audit is scheduled for April 2017.

Monthly Summary Report: The Board had no questions regarding Geri's monthly summary report that was submitted.

Attorney Tibbals came before the Board to discuss the following items: No report

ECCA Board Representative Report: No report

Volunteer Representative Report: No report

Unfinished Business:

Fire Station Project: Chief reported that the new station would be \$1.2 million. Addition is at approximately \$475,000. Debbie made a motion to move forward with the fire station addition. Greg Albers Sr., seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chairman declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

New Business:

Ambulance Accounts: Outstanding Lifetime A/R is \$41,893.89.

Public Comment:

None.

No further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1946 with the next scheduled meeting to commence at approximately 1900 on Wednesday, February 8, 2017.

**KIOWA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
KIOWA, COLORADO**

APPROVED BY:

REVIEWED BY:

ATTEST: SECRETARY

BY: _____
Secretary for the Board of Directors

