

**KIOWA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 10, 2018**

The Board of Directors for the Kiowa Fire Protection District met in a regular scheduled meeting on the 10th day of January 2018, with the roll call of members as follows:

Ann Alley	Present
George Ehalt	Present
Debbie Ullom	Present
Jim Jerrold	Present
Greg Albers Sr.	Present

The Board of Directors convened at 1902 and Chair Ann Alley called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda:

Greg Albers Sr. made a motion to approve the Agenda for January 10, 2018. Jim Jerrold seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Correspondence:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

Jim Jerrold made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire Board of Directors meeting minutes of December 13, 2017, as written. Greg Albers Sr., seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Approval of Checks:

Greg Albers Sr., made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire District check #7745 through #7765, and all other disbursements as reviewed by Board members. Debbie Ullom seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair 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 26 calls. YTD calls for 2017 are 420. In December 2017, the volunteers logged 1022.00 shift hours for 92 shift hours per volunteer firefighter. For the 26 responses, there was an average of 3.2 responders per call. Call volume is up 15.3% from December 2016. Additionally, 18 training hours were logged.

Grants: Chief is currently writing an EMTS grant for power loads for the ambulance prams. Kiowa Fire District is part of a joint EMT Radio Grant with Elizabeth Fire District. Kiowa Fire District was awarded a grant for bullet proof vests (3) to keep on ambulance.80/20 grant. \$4,500 grant.

Excavator Insurance Claim: Chief and Attorney Bob Tibbals reported that Potestio Brothers has not contacted the fire district regarding the offer of insurance funds and release of liability for the damaged excavator.

Code Enforcement Letter: Chief presented a letter he sent to the Town of Kiowa Board Trustees regarding the misunderstanding of the Fire District's role and responsibilities for enforcing the fire codes within the Town of Kiowa.

Kiowa Feed Store: Chief discussed the request from Town of Kiowa Police Chief Sam Swofford that the fire district write a letter stating that the Kiowa Feed Store is a fire hazard. Chief Lamansky performed a walk thru inspection of the facility and found no fire hazards, but noted several health and code issues which are not issues the fire district has authority over.

Road Access: Chief discussed a complaint he received from Karen Berends regarding 434 Navajo Street. Currently, no one occupies the house and the owners have put up a gate and blocked off the turn around on Navajo Street. Subsequently, motorists are using the Berends driveway to turn around. It was agreed to send a letter to the owners of the property that they have blocked fire access and the district will not respond to calls for service at this address.

Solar Sundance Impact Fees: Chief received a telephone call from Sam Albrecht, County Manager asking what can the Fire District do to work with Solar Sundance on the impact fees. After discussion, the Board agreed to stay with the original plan/offer made to Solar Sundance until a counter offer is received.

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

2018 Budget: Geri reported that the District's 2018 budget was filed and accepted by the State.

Mill Levy Certification: Geri reported that the District's mill levy certification was filed with DOLA and the Elbert County Commissioners.

2018 Transparency Notice: Geri reported that the 2018 Transparency Notice was filed with the State and they have accepted the filing. The Transparency notice has also been filed with the Elbert County Clerk & Recorder and posted on the District's website.

Volunteer FPPA Pension Plan: Geri reported that the increase for retirees went into effect January 2018.

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:

Bob reviewed the letter sent to the Town of Kiowa Board of Trustees regarding the fire districts responsibilities and cooperation with the Town of Kiowa in enforcing the fire code.

Bob discussed 2018 election timeline dates.

ECCA Board Representative Report: Bob reported that an AFG grant is being paid for by ECCA as they are hiring a grant writer for the radios. The grant request will be for 17 mobile and 13 portables radios.

Volunteer Representative Report: None.

Unfinished Business:

Fire Station Project: Chief has a quarterly report due to DOLA by the end of the month for the grant portion of the project. The sidewalk in front of the project is in place temporarily. January 17th is the Board of Adjustments meeting for the variance and the Town planner is recommending approval. After the Board of Adjustment hearing is completed the project will move forward to the Town Planning Commission for approval of the site plan and then the District will be ready to send out RFP's.

New Business:

Ambulance Accounts: Outstanding Lifetime A/R is \$57,284.34. 2017 collected ambulance revenue was \$95,089.89. This is an increase of 256% since Gerry Lamansky was appointed as Fire Chief for the District.

Appointment of Designated Election Official: Attorney Bob Tibbals requested that the Board of Directors adopt a resolution to appointing Geri Scheidt as the designated election official and that Fire Station #1 be designated as the polling place. Greg Albers Sr., made a motion to adopt the resolution as submitted. Jim Jerrold seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chairman declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Public Comment:

No further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2037 with the next scheduled meeting to commence at approximately 1900 on Wednesday, February 14, 2018.

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

APPROVED BY:

REVIEWED BY:

ATTEST: SECRETARY

BY: _____
Secretary for the Board of Directors