

**KIOWA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 8, 2020**

The Board of Directors for the Kiowa Fire Protection District met in a regular scheduled meeting on the 8th day of April 2020, with the roll call of members as follows:

George Ehalt	Present
Ann Alley	Present
Debbie Ullom	Present
Jim Jerrold	Present
Karen Hart	Present

The Board meeting was held via teleconference due to COVID-19. The teleconference dial-in information was listed on the Board meeting agenda and posted on the District website. All Board members were able to hear on the teleconference call. Additionally, Attorney Bob Tibbals, Chief Gerald Lamansky, Assistant Chief Don Ogborn and Admin/Finance Officer Geri Scheidt were also in attendance. There was no public that dialed in for this call.

The Board of Directors convened at 1900 and Chairman George Ehalt called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda:

Jim Jerrold made a motion to approve the Agenda for April 8, 2020. Karen Hart seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Correspondence:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

Karen Hart made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire Board Directors meeting minutes of March 11, 2020, as written. Jim Jerrold seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Approval of Checks:

Jim Jerrold made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire District check #8328 through #8337, and all ACH disbursements and void check #8308 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 32 calls. YTD calls for 2020 are 94. In March 2020, the volunteers logged 2263 shift hours for 94 hours per volunteer firefighter. For the 32 responses, there was an average of 2.6 responders per call. Additionally, 72 training hours were logged. Call volume decreased 3% from 2019.

Laptop: Jim Jerrold made a motion to purchase a laptop for the Finance Officer not to exceed \$1,500.00 including software. Karen Hart seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chairman declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Grants: Chief Lamansky reported on the grant opportunities that were researched and will be applied for:

Terry Farrell Firefighters Fund – Amount – N/A – used bunker gear available, must pickup in NYC.

Firefighters Charitable Foundation – Amount - \$10,900 – Contact form submitted. This grant would be used to purchase 4 sets of structural PPE, including particulate hood, less boots

Gary Sinise Foundation – Amount - \$14,621 – Submitted this grant on March 27, 2020. Review date has not been set at this time. This grant would be used to purchase 4 sets of structure PPE, particulate hood, no boots (COVID PPE)

Firehouse Subs – Amount - \$24,385 – Submitted grant on February 19, 2020 and was awarded this grant with no matching funds to purchase SCBA cascade system.

State Farm Insurance – Amount - \$6,746, this grant has been submitted. Funds would be used to purchase a burn pan, extinguishers, detectors, fire education and 2 laptops.

MVEA – Amount - \$9,984 – This grant was submitted on 2/19/2020. Funds would be used to purchase structural PPE, standard hood only, no boots.

Walmart – Amount - \$5,000 – Submitted on 2/19/2020. These funds would be used for firefighter training.

NVFC – Amount – N/A. This grant was submitted on 3/18/2020 and funds would be used to purchase a pallet of water.

Brothers Helping Brothers – Amount - \$8,175. Grant was submitted on 3/30/2020. Funds would be used to purchase 3 full sets structural PPE, including particulate hood and boots.

Kroger – Amount - \$10,900. Funds would be used to purchase 4 full sets of structural PPE, including particulate hood and boots.

Other Approved Grants: Colorado Rural Health in the amount of \$1,065 to purchase a public access AED Unit and wall cabinet. FM Global Insurance in the amount of \$1,154 to purchase 2 laptops and fire education/prevention materials.

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

2020 Election: Geri reported that ballots are on hand. Polling place signs will be posted on April 15th and notice of election will be published in the Ranchland News on April 16, 2020 and will be posted on the District website.

2020 Audit: Due to COVID-19, the annual audit is being conducted electronically.

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

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

Bob had a discussion with the District Physician Advisor regarding a supply of hydrochloroquine to help with coronavirus protection for District employees, volunteer membership, etc. The physician advisor is unable to commit that this can be done and declined to fill this request.

Bob has completed his Attorney Opinion Letter for audit.

Bob has spoken with the attorney of the developer of Kiowa Creek regarding impact fees in association with the development.

Ann Alley made a motion to ratify actions of Chief Executive Ehalt in regards to signing the Declaration of Emergency for public health. Debbie Ullom seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Bob discussed the possibility of Kiowa Fire District consolidating with North Central Fire District due to the number of calls Kiowa Fire is responding to in the North Central District as the North Central District does not have staffing that supports response to these calls. Karen Hart made a motion to authorize Bob to explore consolidation and/or termination of mutual aid agreement with North Central Fire District. Ann Alley seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chairman declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

ECCA Board Representative Report: Chief Ogborn reported that the \$1.80 increase has not been finalized.

Volunteer Representative Report: None

New Business:

Ambulance Accounts: Outstanding A/R as of 03/31/2020 is \$33,255.70.

Public Comment:

None.

No further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned 2004 with the next scheduled meeting to commence at approximately 1900 on Wednesday, May 13, 2020.

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

APPROVED BY:

REVIEWED BY:

ATTEST: SECRETARY

BY: _____
Secretary for the Board of Directors