

**KIOWA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 14, 2020**

The Board of Directors for the Kiowa Fire Protection District met in a regular scheduled meeting on the 14th day of October 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 of Directors convened at 1902 and Chair George Ehalt called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda:

Ann Alley made a motion to approve the Agenda for October 14, 2020. Karen Hart seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Correspondence:

Thank you cards.

Approval of Minutes:

Debbie Ullom made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire Board Directors meeting minutes of September 9, 2020, as written. Ann Alley seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Approval of Checks:

Debbie Ullom made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire District check #8404 through #8420, and all ACH disbursements as reviewed by the Board. Ann Alley 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 Gerald Lamansky came before the Board to discuss the following items:

Call Volume: For the past month there were 37 calls. YTD calls for 2020 are 298. In September 2020, the volunteers logged 1316 shift hours for 75 hours per volunteer firefighter. For the 37 responses, there was an average of 3.3 responders per call. Additionally, 71 training hours were logged. Call volume decreased 5% from 2019.

Wildland Deployment Program: The wildland deployment program is moving forward. To date, the District has had 9 members deploy and 2 vehicles assigned to the fires. Billable services as of October 7 is approximately \$128,000 and will probably reach \$175,000. All personnel and vehicles will be back in the District on October 15.

Grants: The District was awarded \$11,282 for the Firefighter Safety & Disease Prevention grant. This grant will be used to purchase a bunker gear extractor. This is 100% grant with no matching funds.

Business Inspections: The annual fire inspections of local businesses continues with all having been inspected at least once.

Training: Volunteer Trevor Beutner successfully completed his FFI and Hazmat state certification exams. Volunteers Mariah Majka, Gage Valdez and Max Fessler successfully passed their state FFI exam.

Physician Advisor: Meeting with Dr. Apfelbaum did not take place on October 13 regarding medical direction. Conversations with other agencies are that the District will not lose the no cost medical direction. Chief will continue to follow-up on this matter.

Snow Plow Truck: Chief discussed the need for snow removal. After much discussion, Jim Jerrold offered to donate a snow plow truck he has to the District. The Board directed Geri to check with the insurance company regarding liability of volunteers operating the truck.

Chief Housing Arrangements: The Board discussed the Chief living at Station #2 with his camper and potential liability to the District. Geri was directed to check with the insurance company regarding liability to the District regarding this matter. Jim Jerrold made a motion that the Chief can live at Station #2 with his trailer on a temporary basis or until his housing situation is resolved and the Board will revisit the matter at the January 13, 2021, Board meeting. Debbie Ullom seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

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

O'Reilly's Account: Geri reported that the O'Reilly's account for the Kiowa Fire District has been completed.

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 reviewed ballot questions that are on the November ballot that could affect the fire district.

Bob will be meeting with the annuity company regarding the volunteer pension account.

ECCA Board Representative Report: Bob reported that ECCA discussed their budget. Rates will go up slightly from Douglas County. ECCA will continue to pay 95% of radio dispatch for each of its participating agencies.

Volunteer Representative Report: 4 volunteers in attendance. The annual Halloween party has been cancelled due to Covid concerns.

New Business:

Ambulance Accounts: Outstanding A/R as of 9/30/2020 – no report.

2021 Preliminary Budget: Geri Scheidt presented the 2021 preliminary budget for the general fund and pension fund. The Elbert County Assessor certified the total assessed valuation at \$47,402,457. This budget is available for public inspection. Legal notice regarding the same has been published in the Ranchland News.

Public Comment:

None.

No further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2047 with the next scheduled meeting to commence at approximately 1900 on Wednesday, November 11 , 2020.

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

APPROVED BY:

REVIEWED BY:

ATTEST: SECRETARY

BY: _____
Secretary for the Board of Directors