

**KIOWA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
December 9, 2020**

The Board of Directors for the Kiowa Fire Protection District met in a regular scheduled meeting on the 9th day of December 2020, with the roll call of members as follows:

George Ehalt	Absent-Excused
Ann Alley	Present
Debbie Ullom	Present
Jim Jerrold	Present
Karen Hart	Present

The Board of Directors convened at 1915 and Vice Chair Ann Alley called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda:

Debbie Ullom made a motion to approve the Agenda for December 9, 2020. Karen Hart seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Vice Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Correspondence:

Thank you card to the volunteers from the public.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Approval of Checks:

Debbie Ullom made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire District check #8433 through #8447, and all ACH disbursements as reviewed by the Board. Jim Jerrold seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Vice Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Public Hearings:

The public hearing for the 2021 Budget was opened at 1907. The 2021 budget notice was published in accordance with the law and the proposed budget was open for inspection by the public at Kiowa Fire Station #1, 403 County Road 45, Kiowa, CO and on the District's website. No written or verbal comments regarding the budget were received by any board member or staff member. No public comment was received at the public hearing. Karen Hart made a motion to close the public hearing. Jim Jerrold seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Vice Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

2021 Budget Adoption: Karen Hart made a motion that the budget for the General Fund and Pension Fund budget as submitted, amended and summarized by fund, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget of the Kiowa Fire Protection District for the year 2021. Debbie Ullom

seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Vice Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

2021 Mill Levy Certification: Jim Jerrold made a motion that for the purpose of meeting all general operating expenses of the Kiowa Fire Protection District during the 2021 budget year, there is hereby levied a tax of 8.689 mills upon each dollar of the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within Kiowa Fire Protection District certified by the County Assessor in the amount of \$47,404,887 for the year 2021. Karen Hart seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Vice Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

2021 Budget Appropriation: Jim Jerrold made a motion to appropriate the 2021 budget as follows: That estimated expenditures for each fund are as follows:

Section 1: That estimated expenditures for each fund are as follows:

General Fund.....	\$2,508,743
Pension Fund.....	\$ 56,500
Emergency Fund.....	\$ 25,000

Section 2: That estimated revenue for each fund is as follows:

General Fund	
Sources Other Than Taxes.....	\$1,709,531
From Tax Levy.....	\$ 411,901
From Other Taxes.....	\$ 55,000
Fund Balance.....	<u>\$ 357,311</u>
	\$2,533,743
Pension Fund	
Investment Income.....	\$ 50,000
Fund Balance.....	<u>\$ 878,185</u>
	\$ 928,125

Karen Hart seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Vice Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Karen Hart made a motion to authorize and direct Geri Scheidt to finalize the budget for all filings with County and State. Debbie Ullom seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Vice Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

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 33 calls. YTD calls for 2020 are 372. In November 2020, the volunteers logged 1646 shift hours for 77 hours per volunteer firefighter. For the 33 responses, there was an average of 2.8 responders per call. Additionally, 71 training hours were logged. Call volume decreased 1% from 2019.

Grant Reimbursements: Chief reported that the District is waiting on the VFA grant reimbursement in the amount of \$2,200 and the Firefighter Safety & Disease grant in the amount of \$7,985.

CARES Funding: Chief reported that the District needs to spend the CARES funds that the District was awarded in the amount of \$17,567 by 12/31/2020. Funds will be used for air purifiers, disinfectant foggers, laptops and audio/visual equipment. Additionally, Elizabeth Fire Chief TJ Steck and Rattlesnake Fire Chief Cass Kilduff requested \$105,000 from CARES from Elbert County CARES funding to contract a private ambulance for 70 days to help cover ambulance calls for the County due to the reduction in staff due to testing positive for Covid. Once DOLA transfers the funds to Elizabeth Fire District, they will sign the contract for this service and manage these funds.

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

2020 Audit: Geri reported that the 2020 audit will be conducted electronically/remotely.

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:

Covid Policies: Bob reviewed covid policies/protocol for the District and that CDPHE & CDC has no mandate at this time that the covid vaccination would be mandated.

The District received an open records request for the protocol in the use of the ketamine drug for covid. Chief stated that the District does not use ketamine for covid, but does use it for pain management.

ECCA Board Representative Report: Chief Ogborn reported on ECCA's 2021 budget and discussed the 911 statewide surcharge and those funds will be used to pay Douglas County dispatch for those services.

Volunteer Representative Report: None.

New Business:

Ambulance Accounts: Outstanding A/R as of 11/30/2020 is \$21,126.25.

Public Comment:

None.

No further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1851 with the next scheduled meeting to commence at approximately 1900 on Wednesday, January 13, 2021.

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

APPROVED BY:

REVIEWED BY:

ATTEST: SECRETARY

BY: _____
Secretary for the Board of Directors