

**KIOWA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 10, 2021**

The Board of Directors for the Kiowa Fire Protection District met in a regular scheduled meeting on the 10th day of March 2021, 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 1906 and Chair George Ehalt called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda:

Ann Alley made a motion to approve the Agenda for March 10, 2021. 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:

Ann Alley made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire Board Directors meeting minutes of February 10, 2021, as written. Karen Hart seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Ann Alley made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire Pension Board meeting minutes of February 10, 2021, as written. Karen Hart seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Approval of Checks:

Ann Alley made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire District check #8478 through #8495, and all ACH disbursements as reviewed by the Board. Jim Jerrold 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 30 calls. YTD calls for 2021 are 59. In February 2021, the volunteers logged 1278 shift hours for 63.9 hours per volunteer firefighter. For the 30 responses, there was an average of 3.1 responders per call. Additionally, 56 training hours were logged. Call volume decreased by 3% from 2020.

Grants: Chief Lamansky reported that the Firefighter Safety & Disease Grant for 2020 is completed and closed out. The EMTS grant for the heart monitors was denied for 2021. This grant will be applied for next year on a 50/50 basis instead of 90/10.

Ambulance Rates: Chief Lamansky will be reviewing the District's ambulance rates to make sure they are at the industry level.

Fire Department Direction: Chief Lamansky addressed a concern he understood from public comment at the February 10th Board meeting regarding the direction the Fire Department is going. Chief Lamansky attended the Kiowa Merchants meeting and handed out an evaluation of the Department and all responses from this group was positive. Response cards are handed out when responding with the ambulance and request they be returned and those responses are positive. Correspondence from Physician Advisor and EMS Educator are positive. Volunteer staffing has increased.

Deputy Chief Don Ogborn came before the Board to discuss the following items:

EMS Supplemental Program: Chief Ogborn reported that he became aware of the EMS Supplemental Program that the State put in place in 2018 during the EMTS Grant hearing. Chief placed a call to the State and training has been scheduled for fall of 2021 for himself and Geri Scheidt. This program allows EMS providers to receive an annual supplemental payment for the uncompensated costs incurred by providing ground or air emergency medical transportation services.

Training Center: Chief Ogborn was speaking with Chief Scott at the State regarding the District's training center and Chief Scott committed to work a day to help get the training center finished. Additionally, Chief Scott will conduct a training just for Elbert County free of charge.

UTV Unit: The Board discussed the lease purchase options that Chief Ogborn submitted for the UTV unit. Attorney Bob Tibbals reviewed the lease purchase options and found that they did not meet government standards. Jim Jerrold made a motion to approve the outright purchase of the Kubota UTV unit to be paid from a split of the funds with 50% from impact fees and 50% from the Wildland funds, not to exceed \$20,000. Ann Alley seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Jim Jerrold made a motion to table the plans for an addition to Station #2 for this year and that this project be discussed during the budget process for 2022. Karen Hart 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:

Geri reported that she has been working on the 2020 audit and the EMS Supplemental Program with Chief Ogborn.

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 has been working with Chief Ogborn on proper uses of the Training Center.

ECCA Board Representative Report: Chief Ogborn reported that the grant program for new radios is completed.

Volunteer Representative Report: Mariah Majka, Ben Felts, Aaron Lutter, Connor Burke, Sidney Morrison, Jen Ogborn, Emma Taylor, Erik Moller, Chris Tatreau and Chris Albers introduced themselves to the Board and thanked both Chief Lamansky and Chief Ogborn for their leadership and support.

Unfinished Business:

Finance Policy: Attorney Bob Tibbals reviewed the draft Finance Policy and sent out proposed changes to the Board for their review and comments.

New Business:

Ambulance Accounts: Outstanding A/R as of 02/28/2021 is \$18,638.60.

Leave of Absence Request: Chief Lamansky came before the Board to discuss his request that Austin Garza be granted a leave of absence for 6 months to a year to leave his full-time position as FF/EMT and work another job out-of-state and that his position be backfilled with part-time staff during that time. Austin plans to return to the Fire District within a year. The Board thanked Austin for his service but raised concerns about coverage for the District with part-time staff. The Board agreed to take the request under advisement.

Public Comment:

Connie Albers stated that her comments from the February 10th Board meeting were not towards the volunteers and she thinks the volunteer members are an incredible group. Her comments were her concerns regarding Chief Lamansky living in his camper at Station 2.

No further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2058 with the next scheduled meeting to commence at approximately 1900 on Wednesday, April 14, 2021.

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

APPROVED BY:

REVIEWED BY:

ATTEST: SECRETARY

BY: _____
Secretary for the Board of Directors