

## Kiowa Fire Protection District Board of Directors

### INFORMATION RELEASE

At the regular June 9, 2021 meeting of the Kiowa Fire Protection District Board of Directors, the Board convened an Executive Session after duly providing Notice of that Session in the Board Agenda and upon a duly-made and seconded motion, carried by a vote of 4 in favor of the Executive Session, with Director Ullom voting “No.”

The purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss matters related to job performance matters concerning Fire Chief Gerry Lamansky, who consented to the Executive Session.

In general, the Executive Session discussion was an open, honest and frank “*give and take*” between the Chief and the Board concerning: the current manner in which the Board and the Chief communicate; status of morale of the paid and Volunteer force; status of operations; status of budgeting and expenditures; and overall concerns regarding District operations.

Each Board member was an active participant in the discussion, offering their input and expressing appreciation for the Chief’s overall efforts and his dedication to the Fire District, its paid and Volunteer force and his obvious concern for the future of the District and safety and welfare of the Kiowa community. Further, Board members offered suggestions helpful in dealing with communications between all paid staff and the Board, while respecting the chain of command. Finally, the Board expressed its support of Chief Lamansky, as well as its appreciation for District operations carried out by paid staff and the Volunteer force.

At the close of the Executive Session, it was felt the session was helpful in understanding the perspectives of the participants and that the session resulted in a positive outcome for the Fire District.