

**KIOWA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 11, 2021**

The Board of Directors for the Kiowa Fire Protection District met in a regular scheduled meeting on the 11th day of August 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 1910 and Chair George Ehalt called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda:

Ann Alley made a motion to approve the Agenda for August 11, 2021. Jim Jerrold 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 July 14, 2021, 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:

Ann Alley made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire District check #8546 through #8563, and all ACH disbursements, and void check #8549 as reviewed by the Board. Karen Hart 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 41 calls. YTD calls for 2021 are 248. In July 2021, the volunteers logged 1288 shift hours for 63.1 hours per volunteer firefighter. For the 41 responses, there was an average of 3.3 responders per call. Additionally, 68 training hours were logged. Call volume increased by 14% from 2020.

Staff: Chief Lamansky reported that Deputy Chief Don Ogborn resigned his position with Kiowa Fire District. Don's last day with Kiowa Fire was August 9th. Chief Lamansky has had 2 informal interviews for this position. All 4 parties are from outside the agency. Debbie Ullom made a motion to advertise the Deputy Chief position with the Colorado Chiefs Association, the District's website and post in Station #1. Jim Jerrold seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Chief Lamansky requested that the Board revisit the topic of Corey Nyholm's reimbursement for Paramedic school with the amount to be agreed upon and the time frame of reimbursement. Six members completed their CPR instructor class this month.

Wildland Deployment: The wildland crew that was deployed to Montana on July 20th returned on August 6th. Chief reported that Don Ogborn has the paperwork to work on the state reimbursement to the District and payroll to one member. Chief reported that there was a question if he still wanted Don to be responsible for filing the reimbursement request to the State and Chief forwarded his concerns to Bob Tibbals.

Equipment: Chief submitted a request to purchase a used riding lawnmower for \$450.00, to mow Station #2 property and the Training Center. The Board denied the request at this time. The VFA grant equipment, i.e., chain saws and associated equipment, has been ordered with an estimated delivery of sometime in October.

Grants: Chief reported that the AFG grant for the SCBA units has not been awarded at this time

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

Wildland Deployment: Geri reported that the District has received the Wildland Deployment payment in the amount of \$13,565.45 for the Wild Cow Fire. The payroll has been submitted for the two Kiowa Fire members that were deployed on the Wild Cow Fire. Net profit to the District for the Wild Cow fire is \$6,898.50 for 6 days. Don Ogborn sent an email that the billing for the Troy, MT fire was sent to the State on August 9, 2021. The District can expect reimbursement within a month or longer depending on how many bills they have to process.

2022 Budget: Geri reported that she has started work on the 2022 budget and waiting for the certification of value from the Assessor's Office that should be sent at the end of August. Items for the 2022 budget were discussed that included the possibility of moving the fuel tanks at the Training Center and construction of water/sewer lines to the Training Center property.

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 reported that he is working with Chief on various issues including the reimbursements for all billings related to wildland deployment.

Bob will finalize revisions to the Fire Chief's employment contract which will include clarifications.

Karen Hart reported on House Bill 21-1312 that a portion of this House Bill includes increasing the small business personal property tax exemption from \$7,900 to \$50,000. These taxes would be paid to the counties with the state backfilling those taxes.

ECCA Board Representative Report:

Bob Tibbals reported that ECCA is working on the finance options for the new tower which has an estimated cost of \$400,000. Finance solutions being discussed are firm commitments from Elbert County, Elizabeth Fire and Rattlesnake Fire along with various finance options.

Volunteer Representative Report: Chris Tatreau submitted a leave of absence request as a volunteer to the Chief. Kory Knill submitted his letter of resignation from the Fire District to the Chief. Brandon Christianson gave a verbal resignation as a volunteer. Jenn Ogborn gave a verbal resignation as a volunteer. Erik Moller stated that he has moved back into the District and is a volunteer and part-time

paramedic for the District. Bob Tibbals stated that the Board should look at the letters of resignation and discuss their concerns with the resignations with the Chief during an Executive Session. The Board agreed to hold a Special meeting with Executive Session to discuss such matters.

The Board thanked the volunteers for everything they have done for the Fire District.

Unfinished Business:

WIBS Medical Billing Proposal: Geri reported that she spoke with Finance Managers at Rattlesnake Fire and Franktown Fire and they are very happy with the reports that are received from WIBS as well as the promptness in returning calls and answering questions. Collection rate is 80% and up with WIBS. Ann Alley made a motion for the Fire District to retain WIBS for the District's ambulance billing services. Karen Hart seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

New Business:

Ambulance Accounts: Outstanding A/R as of 07/31/2021 is \$97,426.62.

Public Comment:

Town of Kiowa Mayor Rick Kolm asked if any volunteer, paid staff or Board member see's anyone filling large vehicles with water to report it to the Town and Sheriff's Department. The Town is having problems with water being stolen.

Connie Albers requested that the Board get involved in communications with the volunteers and the Fire Chief due to the number of resignations.

No further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2035 with the next scheduled regular meeting to commence at approximately 1900 on Wednesday, September 8, 2021.

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

APPROVED BY:

REVIEWED BY:

ATTEST: SECRETARY

BY: _____
Secretary for the Board of Directors

**KIOWA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
PENSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2021**

The Pension Board of Directors for the Kiowa Fire Protection District met in a regular scheduled meeting on the 11th day of August 2021, with the roll call of members as follows:

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

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

Approval of Agenda:

Ann Alley made a motion to approve the Pension meeting Agenda for August 11, 2021. Jim Jerrold seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

FPPA Volunteer Pension Fund: The ending balance for the volunteer pension fund as of June 30, 2021 is \$1,019,266.70. Bob Tibbals reported that he is still working with an actuarial company on closing the pension account with FPPA and distribute the funds to the retirees and any other eligible member.

No further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1910.

**KIOWA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT PENSION BOARD
KIOWA, COLORADO**

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SECRETARY FOR THE BOARD

**KIOWA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
August 31, 2021**

The Board of Directors for the Kiowa Fire Protection District met in a special meeting on the 31st day of August 2021, with the roll call of members as follows:

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

The Board of Directors convened at 1900 and Vice Chair Ann Alley called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda:

Debbie Ullom made a motion to approve the agenda for August 31, 2021. Karen Hart seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Vice Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Director Resignation:

George Ehalt submitted his letter of resignation as a Board of Director for the Kiowa Fire Protection District effective August 19, 2021. Attorney Bob Tibbals stated that the Board has 60 days to appoint a successor for this position and will also need to appoint a new Board liaison and a replacement on the 2022 Budget Committee.

Executive Session:

Debbie Ullom made a motion to go into Executive Session for a conference with the Attorney for the District for the purpose of discussing and receiving legal advice on specific legal questions pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) concerning the Board of Directors policies and procedures; District chain of command relating to general personnel matters; Board conduct under policies and procedures; and Board conduct regarding employment contracts. Jim Jerrold seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Vice Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Presiding Officer Statement: It is Tuesday, August 31, 2021, and the time is 7:04pm. For the record, I am the presiding officer, Ann Alley. As required for the Open Meetings law, this session is not being electronically recorded. Also present at this Executive Session are the following persons: Jim Jerrold, Debbie Ullom, Karen Hart and Bob Tibbals. Attorney client discussion of Board of Directors policies and procedures; District chain of command relating to personnel matters; Board conduct under policies and procedures and Board conduct regarding employment contracts. I caution each participant to confine all discussion to the stated purpose of the Executive Session and that no formal action may occur during the Executive Session. If at any point in the Executive Session, any participant believes that the discussion is going outside the proper scope of the Executive Session, please interrupt the discussion and make an objection. I also caution each participant that all matters discussed are to remain confidential subject to attorney/client privilege under Colorado law and the matters discussed shall not be discussed with any person other than those individuals participating in the Executive Session.

Attorney Statement: Bob Tibbals, as the Attorney for the District, it is my opinion that the discussion of the matters announced in the motion to go into Executive Session constitute privileged attorney client communication and I am recommending that no further record be kept of this Executive Session.

Presiding Officer Ann Alley

Attorney for the District Bob Tibbals

Jim Jerrold made a motion that the Kiowa Fire Protection District Board of Directors will now come out of Executive Session with the Attorney for the Board. No formal action was taken by the Board, including, but not limited to, any proposed policy, position, resolution, rule or regulation or formal action in contravention with C.R.S. 24-6-402(4). No further record was kept of this Executive Session. Karen Hart seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the motion was unanimously carried and so ordered.

Presiding Officer Statement: The time is now 8:35pm and the Executive Session has been completed. The participants in the Executive Session were Jim Jerrold, Debbie Ullom, Karen Hart, Ann Alley and Bob Tibbals, the attorney. For the record, if any person who participated in the Executive Session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into the Executive Session occurred during the Executive Session or that any improper action occurred during the Executive Session in violation of the Open Meetings law, I would ask that you state your concerns for the record.

No concerns were stated.

Presiding Officer, Ann Alley

Debbie Ullom made a motion to amend the agenda deleting items #5 & #6, with the Chief's annual review moved back to the standard annual review to be completed no later than December 8th. Jim Jerrold seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Debbie Ullom made a motion that the Attorney be directed to write a communication based on the Board's statement that we have reviewed all resignation letters and leave of absence letter and at this point we feel there are no grounds for an investigation and we will support the Chief in his endeavors in the Kiowa Fire Department. Jim Jerrold seconded the motion. The roll having called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Public Comment: Simla Fire Chief Jim Hauschildt, Jay Vier, North Central Fire Deputy Chief John Hogan, Dustin Courter, Rattlesnake Fire Chief Cass Kilduff, Rattlesnake Fire Assistant Chief Lloyd Standard, Rattlesnake Fire Division Chief Aaron Cregie, Agate Fire Chief Larry Rector, North Central Fire Chief Kay Osborn, Brandon Campbell, Elizabeth Fire Chief TJ Steck, Town of Kiowa Mayor Rick Kolm, all stated their support for the Kiowa Fire Chief.

No further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm.

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KIOWA, COLORADO**

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