

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

The Board of Directors for the Kiowa Fire Protection District met in a regular scheduled meeting on the 10th day of November 2021, with the roll call of members as follows:

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| Ann Alley | Present |
| Debbie Ullom | Present |
| Jim Jerrold | Present |
| Karen Hart | Present |
| Andrew Koldeway | Present |

The Board of Directors convened at 1902 and Vice Chair Ann Alley called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda:

Karen Hart made a motion to approve the Agenda for November 10, 2021. Jim Jerrold seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Vice Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Correspondence:

Thank you note from Kiowa School for the Fire District's help with the school special events.

Approval of Minutes:

Debbie Ullom made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire Board Directors meeting minutes of October 13, 2021, with the correction of spelling of Ullom under the Board appointment section. Jim Jerrold 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 #8591 through #8600 and void #8601, and all ACH disbursements, as reviewed by the Board. Karen Hart seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Vice 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 51 calls. YTD calls for 2021 are 398. In October 2021, the volunteers logged 12174 shift hours for 84.2 hours per volunteer firefighter. For the 51 responses, there was an average of 2.8 responders per call. Additionally, 66 training hours were logged. Call volume increased by 18% from 2020.

Wildland Deployment: The state reimbursement for the Burnt Peak Fire has been received.

Grants: The VFA grant reimbursement in the amount of \$2,755.92 has been received. The AFG Regional Grant for SCBA replacement was denied. This grant was a \$2 million grant for all Elbert County fire districts.

The reason for denial was the grant writer used a 2007 SCBA standard rather than a 2012 standard. The grant writer has offered to re-write and resubmit this grant in 2022 at no additional cost.

Covid Testing: Chief is working with HHS to provide in-house rapid COVID testing for District personnel.

Training: Six members have obtained their CPR instructor certifications.

Developments: Chief has met with developers regarding the following projects:

- Tim Craft is moving forward with townhomes south of Fire Station #1. Additionally, Mr. Craft anticipates moving dirt early 2022 for the 300 plus homes near Fawn Valley.
- Another developer is in the preliminary phase of subdividing 77 thirty five acre lots at County Road 142 and Kiowa-Bennett Road.
- The Burnco Concrete Batch Plant remains a viable project and Chief has been in communication with them regarding fire protection plans.

Medical Director: Dr. Apfelbaum has resigned as the Medical Director for all Elbert County Fire Districts. Dr. Casey Dart is the new Medical Director.

Training: Rattlesnake Fire and Elizabeth Fire used the District's burn building for a Live Fire Training on October 23rd. Kiowa Fire used the burn building for a training on October 20th. Discussion took place about the use of appropriate fuels for these trainings.

Fuel Tank: Chief reported that the quote received for decommissioning and removal of the fuel tank was \$14,063.14. Chief did obtain an extension for repairs and/or decommissioning from the State until November 15th. Debbie Ullom made a motion to decommission the fuel tank. Andrew Koldeway seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Vice Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered. Debbie Ullom made a motion for Geri Scheidt to proceed with application for a WEX fuel account. Andrew Koldeway seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Vice Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Mill Levy Increase Election: Chief requested that the Board consider a mill levy increase ballot question for the 2022 November election. Discussion regarding this election was the cost of the coordinated election with the County, the time and effort needed by members to educate the voters of the need for a mill levy increase and if the timing of a ballot question to increase the mill levy was the right time. Jim Jerrold, Debbie Ullom, Andrew Koldeway and Ann Alley agreed to budget only for this election and discuss in January whether to move forward or not. Karen Hart said "no".

The Board had no questions regarding Chief's monthly summary report that was submitted.

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

WIBS Medical Billing: Geri reported that the District is completely setup for medical billing with WIBS and was effective on November 1, 2021.

WEX Account Information: Geri discussed the WEX fuel account for the District and how the program works. Geri presented the WEX account application for the Board's review as well as a sample fuel usage.

Budget: Geri discussed that there will be one more Budget Committee meeting before the December 8th Board meeting. The approval of the 2022 budget, mill levy certification and appropriation of the budget is a public hearing scheduled for the December 8th meeting.

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 discussed that he sent a revised Chief performance review to the Board. Bob requested that the Board complete and send back to him as soon as possible. Chief agreed that this performance review will be in Executive Session. Bob will send Geri language for this Executive Session for the December meeting agenda.

ECCA Board Representative Report: Bob reported that dispatch services from Douglas County are increasing by 50%. ECCA is planning to apply for a surcharge increase to cover the dispatch fee increase.

Volunteer Representative Report: No report

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Ambulance Accounts: Outstanding A/R as of 10/31/2021 is \$81,596.41.

Outside Lighting: Karen Hart requested that the Chief look into the lighting on the outside of the Station as the parking area is dark. The members turned the lights up to illuminate the parking lot.

Public Comment:

Beth Shelly came before the Board to ask if consideration would be given to constructing a substation on the eastern edge of the Fire District so that the ISO rating would be lower in that area and assist with citizens homeowners insurance premiums.

No further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39pm with the next scheduled regular meeting to commence at approximately 1900 on Wednesday, December 8 2021.

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

APPROVED BY:

REVIEWED BY:

ATTEST: SECRETARY

BY: _____

Secretary for the Board of Directors