

**KIOWA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 11, 2022**

The Board of Directors for the Kiowa Fire Protection District met in a regular scheduled meeting on the 11th day of May 2022, with the roll call of members as follows:

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

The Board of Directors convened at 1906 and Chair Debbie Ullom called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda:

Jim Jerrold made a motion to approve the Agenda for May 11, 2022. Ann Alley 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 April 13, 2022, as written. Jim Jerrold 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 #8653 through #8662 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 Comment:

None

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 39 calls. YTD calls for 2022 are 166. In April 2022, the volunteers logged 2005 shift hours for 100.2 hours per volunteer firefighter. For the 39 responses, there was an average of 3.3 responders per call. Additionally, 71 training hours were logged. Call volume increased 42% from 2021.

Building Maintenance: Bay doors at Station #21 have been installed. One more spring needs to be delivered and installed and the replacement door project will be complete.

Grants: The Firefighter Safety & Disease grant reimbursement in the amount of \$19,560.86 has been received. This grant was for auto extrication equipment. The 2022 Volunteer Firefighters Assistance Grant has been submitted in the amount of \$9,851.00 to purchase demolition saws, wildland hose, a winch for B-223 and portable scene lights. The EMTS grant hearing is scheduled for Thursday, May 12th. This grant request is for heart monitors in the amount of \$90,000.

Training: Volunteer Firefighter Gage Valdez passed his Hazardous Materials Operations State exam and is currently enrolled in EMT school. Adam Erway, Zachary Van Connet, Dustin Wenz and Mike Welk all passed their Hazardous Materials Awareness / Operations State practical exam. Kiowa Fire and Elizabeth Fire started their mutual fire academy on April 20th. There are 15 students enrolled between both agencies. Kiowa is represented by Adam Erway, Zachary Van Connet, Dustin Wenz and Mike Welk.

Ambulance Inspections: The two ambulances the District has passed their annual inspection.

Ambulance Mileage Rates: Due to the high cost of fuel, Chief Lamansky proposed an increase for the District's mileage charge on ambulance transports. The District has not raised rates since 2012. The current mileage rate is \$20/mile and Chief Lamansky proposed an increase to \$25/mile. Ann Alley made a motion to increase the mileage rate for ambulance transports to \$25/mile effective immediately. Jim Jerrold seconded the motion. Further discussion: is the proposed rate too high. No further discussion, the roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

EMS Supplement Program: Chief Lamansky discussed the Public EMS Supplemental Payment program with the State and to have Deputy Chief Harris to pursue this funding for the District. Jim Jerrold made a motion to pursue this funding for the District. Ann Alley seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Insurance: The District's 4-year rate for the property/casualty insurance policy is up for renewal on 10/01/2022. Chief Lamansky met with the District's representative and proposed to have the representative discuss more detail at a Board meeting. The Board agreed to have a representative from T. Charles Wilson attend the July 13th Board meeting to further discuss these details.

Fundraiser: Deputy Chief Harris is coordinating a fund raiser for 3 sets of ballistic gear with an anticipated cost of approximately \$8,000.00.

Credit Card: Chief Lamansky requested approval for Aaron Harris to be issued a credit card with a \$5,000 limit to be used for Wildland Deployment purposes. Ann Alley made a motion to authorize a credit card for Aaron Harris for the wildland deployment program. Jim Jerrold seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Plan Reviewer: Chief Lamansky reported that the District has a new volunteer, Savannah Elliott, who also has the credentials to review new development plans and the requirements that need to be met. Chief Lamansky proposed paying Savannah what the permit fees are. Jim Jerrold made a motion that Savannah Elliott bill the developer directly for the plan review and the developer will pay Savannah directly. Ann Alley seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Monthly Chief Report: The Board reviewed the Chief's monthly report.

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

Ambulance Billing Accounts: Geri worked with Quick Med Claims regarding the District's outstanding ambulance billing accounts and Quick Med Claims has agreed to turn over the outstanding accounts to WIBS Billing for collections. Diane, with WIBS Billing has agreed to work these accounts for payment.

Sheriff's Department Ambulance Accounts: Geri spoke with Kelly Davis at the Elbert County Sheriff's Office regarding the Medicaid ambulance bills that were denied for payment and the need to have these invoices paid. Kelly will work with their billing company on this matter.

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 has sent his attorney opinion letter to the auditor for the 2021 audit.

ECCA Board Representative Report: Bob discussed the ongoing efforts to have Elbert County residents to verify their current address with their cell phone carrier to ensure the 911 charge is being sent to ECCA.

Volunteer Representative Report: No report from the volunteers.

Unfinished Business:

2021 Audit: Ann Alley made a motion to approve the District's 2021 audit as presented. Jim Jerrold 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 4/30/2022 with Quick Med Claims is: \$97,394.53
Outstanding A/R as of 4/30/2022 with WIBS is \$49,527.52.

Public Comment:

None.

No further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2020 with the next scheduled meeting to commence at approximately 1900 on Wednesday, June 8, 2022.

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

APPROVED BY:

REVIEWED BY:

ATTEST: SECRETARY

BY: _____
Secretary for the Board of Directors