

**KIOWA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 8, 2022**

The Board of Directors for the Kiowa Fire Protection District met in a regular scheduled meeting on the 8th day of June 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:

Ann Alley made a motion to approve the Agenda for June 8, 2022. Karen Hart seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Correspondence:

Thank you notes.

Approval of Minutes:

Ann Alley made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire Board Directors meeting minutes of May 11, 2022, as written. Andrew Koldeway seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Approval of Checks:

Karen Hart made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire District check #8663 through #8666 and all ACH disbursements as reviewed by the Board. Ann Alley 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 52 calls. YTD calls for 2022 are 219. In May 2022, the volunteers logged 1228 shift hours for 64.6 hours per volunteer firefighter. For the 52 responses, there was an average of 3.1 responders per call. Additionally, 66 training hours were logged. Call volume increased 42% from 2021.

Building Maintenance: Chief reported that the new bay doors are installed but still need one more spring to be shipped and installed for completion of the door project.

Training: Corey Nyholm received his FFII certification. Lt. Sidney Morrison has been accepted to St. Anthony's Paramedic program and will start classes in July. Volunteer FF Dustin Wenz has been accepted to CCA's EMT program and will start classes in August. Volunteer FF Emma Taylor passed her Hazardous Materials Operations state exam.

Grants: no grant decision has been received for the 2022 VFA grant to purchase demolition saws, wildland hose and a winch for B-223 and portable scene lights. A decision on the EMTS grant for heart monitors will be made in July.

Ballistic Gear: Deputy Chief Harris coordinated a fundraiser for 3 sets of ballistic gear. The goal of \$10,000 was met and the District will be receiving this gear and it will be placed on the ambulances and command vehicles.

Ambulance Mileage Rate: the increase of the mileage rate for ambulance transports from \$20/mile to \$25/mile went into effect on May 12th.

Call Volume: Chief discussed the increase of calls the District has had this year along with staffing demands and a comparison of surrounding agencies call volume/staffing ratio. The Board agreed to place full-time paramedic/firefighter position on the July agenda for discussion.

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 confirmed with their Finance Department that the District's account is paid in full and the off-boarding process will now begin. A timeline process will be sent once the Client Success Team meets with the off-boarding team.

Sheriff's Department Ambulance Accounts: Geri worked with WIBS Billing on the inmate ambulance bills. Three claims were paid by Medicaid and should not have been so a refund check to the State of Colorado has been processed in the amount of \$765.79. Medicaid does not pay when an individual is incarcerated. The claims that were denied and the claims that were processed incorrectly will be resubmitted.

Credit Card: Geri worked with Farmers State Bank to open a Visa Business Credit Card account and presented the credit application for the Board's review. Ann Alley made a motion to open a

credit card account with Farmers State Bank. Credit cards will be issued to Gerry Lamansky with a credit limit of \$5,000; Aaron Harris with a credit limit of \$5,000 and Geri Scheidt with a credit limit of \$1,000. Jim Jerrold seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

CFHCBT: Geri reported on the renewal of the Colorado Firefighter Heart and Cancer Benefits Trust for the July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 coverage period. This program has eligibility guidelines that for current full-time employees for the heart program they have at least 5 years continuous fire service with any employer(s) that would include previous full-time, part-time and volunteer fire services may be combined to satisfy the 5 year requirement. This year the renewal rate will increase by 3% to \$180 per full-time firefighter. DOLA will continue to reimburse the District for 100% of the cost for full-time eligible employees.

Additionally, this program is offering the District to join the Cancer Award Program which extends coverage similar to the Heart Award Program at an annual rate of \$338 per eligible full-time employees. Ann Alley made a motion to pay \$338 for the cancer policy for the Fire Chief. Jim Jerrold seconded the motion. The roll having been called, Karen Hart “abstained”. Motion carried.

FPPA: Geri received notice that FPPA Corporate Offices are moving to a new location in the DTC. Beginning June 8th, FPPA’s current office will permanently close to begin the transition to their new office space. June 21st, the temporary office space will be open at Stanford Place II, 7979 E. Tufts Ave., #150, Denver, CO. FPPA staff will be available for in-person meetings at this location but must be scheduled in advance. September 2022, the new permanent office space will be complete.

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 the passage of SB 21-293 that temporarily lowered assessment rates for the 2022 & 2023 property tax years. Karen Hart reported that property classified as agricultural property or renewable energy production is reduced from 29% to 26.4%; multi-family residential is reduced from 7.15% to 6.8% and all other residential real property is reduced from 7.15% to 6.95%. Bob suggested that Geri Scheidt work with the Finance Officers from Elizabeth & Rattlesnake Fire Districts to come up with a formula for calculating property tax revenue since all three districts passed a ballot initiative to keep the revenue if SB 21-293 passed.

ECCA Board Representative Report: Bob Tibbals reported that the radio tower building has been moved on site and this project continues to move forward. Bob discussed the renegotiation process with Douglas County for dispatch services.

Volunteer Representative Report: None.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

Ambulance Accounts: Outstanding A/R as of 5/31/2022 with Quick Med Claims is \$97,394.53
Outstanding A/R as of 5/31/2022 with WBS is \$39,239.19.

Public Comment:

None.

No further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2001 with the next scheduled meeting to commence at approximately 1900 on Wednesday, July 13, 2022.

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

APPROVED BY:

REVIEWED BY:

ATTEST: SECRETARY

BY: _____
Secretary for the Board of Directors