

**KIOWA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
July 13, 2022**

The Board of Directors for the Kiowa Fire Protection District met in a regular scheduled meeting on the 13th day of July 2022, with the roll call of members as follows:

Debbie Ullom	Present
Ann Alley	Absent-Excused
Karen Hart	Present
Jim Jerrold	Present
Andrew Koldeway	Present

The Board of Directors convened at 1900 and Chair Debbie Ullom called the meeting to order.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Karen Hart made a motion to approve the Agenda for July 13, 2022, with the amendment to move the Insurance after public hearings. Andrew Koldeway seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

**Correspondence:**

None

**Approval of Minutes:**

Andrew Koldeway made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire Board Directors meeting minutes of June 8, 2022, as written. Karen Hart 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 #8667 through #8674 and all ACH disbursements as reviewed by the Board. Andrew Koldeway seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

**Public Comment:**

Kiowa Town Administrator Kim Boyd and Erica Johnson, Director of ECCO, came to present the Chief with the traveling trophy for winning the Christmas Tree contest at the Christmas For Kids event.

**Public Hearings:**

None

**Property/Casualty Insurance Renewal:**

John Boerner with T.Charles Wilson came before the Board to present the property/casualty insurance renewal for the District. Due to the prior year's loss ratio, the premium could increase

anywhere from 10-15% up to 20% and then the new rate would start a new 3 year rate guarantee. The Board also discussed the need to increase the building valuations by 5% and if the rate increases, but claims go down, would the District be locked into the higher increase. John will work on the renewal premium and let Chief Lamansky know what the increase will be and check on the locked in rate question.

**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 45 calls. YTD calls for 2022 are 264. In June 2022, the volunteers logged 1168 shift hours for 64.8 hours per volunteer firefighter. For the 45 responses, there was an average of 3.1 responders per call. Additionally, 79 training hours were logged. Call volume increased 29% from 2022.

**Building Maintenance:** the new bay doors for Station #1 are installed and the project is completed. The cistern at Station #2 has been repaired and is up and running.

**Grants:** Chief reported that EMTS grant for new heart monitors in the amount of \$36,000 has been awarded to the District. The VFA grant was denied and resubmitted with corrected items for reconsideration.

**Equipment:** Chief reported that the 1989 Beck fire engine has a wiring harness that burned up and needs brakes. The quote to fix these repairs is \$10,000. Jim Jerrold will look at the engine with Chief and discuss the best options for the District regarding this engine at the August Board meeting.

**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 reported that Quick Med Claims turned over the District's accounts to her and she met with WIBS Billing to give them these records and discuss collection procedures. The District's account with Quick Med Claims is now closed and no additional monies are due to them.

**FPPA:** Geri reported that she has a meeting scheduled with Pam Feeley tomorrow regarding the volunteer pension fund. Pam is a former FPPA Board member and has recently been working with various volunteer plans. There are a few other agencies that are looking at how to wind down their plans and I think she has already taken a look at what can be done now and what they would like to be able to do.

**Credit Cards:** The credit cards from Farmers State Bank have been received and Geri will make final payment to Colorado Community Banks visa credit card and then close the account.

**Famli:** Geri discussed the District's participation in the FAML I program. This program is a paid Family & Medical Leave Insurance program. Local Government's have three options, (1) the agency agrees to pay the employer share of the premium (0.45% of wages if the local government has 10 or more employees and remit employees' share of the premium (0.45% of wages) along with wage data to the FAML I Division once a quarter; (2) decline participation in the FAML I program and the Board of Director's must vote to decline participation and will need to hold another vote in 8 years to continue opting out; (3) decline

employer participation but assist employees who to individually participate in the program. Local governments are not required to give FAML notice of their decision to opt out until January 1, 2023. The Board agreed to table this matter and discuss at the August Board meeting.

**Payroll Compensation Reports:** Geri submitted payroll compensation reports to the Chief for the full-time FF/Paramedic & FF/EMT.

**Budget Committee:** The Board agreed that the 2023 Budget Committee will be Karen Hart, Debbie Ullom, Fire Chief Lamansky and Finance Officer Geri Scheidt.

**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 matter of medical supplies at a mutual aid call. The Board agreed for Bob to draft a letter to the North Central Fire District & Elbert Fire District regarding billing for supplies used on a call that Kiowa Fire District responds to in their respective districts.

***ECCA Board Representative Report:*** Bob reported that there will be radio changes for the fire districts. Bob also discussed an increase in monthly fees for 911 surcharges.

***Volunteer Representative Report:*** None.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Full-Time Employee Position:** Chief Lamansky discussed the need to add a full-time firefighter/paramedic position. Chief will put together more information on this proposal and submit to the Board.

**New Business:**

**Ambulance Accounts:** Outstanding A/R as of 6/30/2022 with WIBS is \$54,552.95 Quick Med Claims are \$97,394.53.

**Public Comment:**

None.

No further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2038 with the next scheduled meeting to commence at approximately 1900 on Wednesday, August 10, 2022.

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

**APPROVED BY:**

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**ATTEST: SECRETARY**

**BY: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Secretary for the Board of Directors**