

**KIOWA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 10, 2022**

The Board of Directors for the Kiowa Fire Protection District met in a regular scheduled meeting on the 10th day of August 2022, with the roll call of members as follows:

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

The Board of Directors convened at 1911 and Chair Debbie Ullom called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda:

Ann Alley made a motion to approve the Agenda for August 10, 2022. Andrew Koldeway seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Correspondence:

Received a request for records from attorney.

Approval of Minutes:

Ann Alley made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire Board Directors meeting minutes of July 13, 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:

Ann Alley made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire District check #8675 through #8681 and void check #8673 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:

The Board recognized the volunteers for going above and beyond to hang and remove the Elbert County Fair banners and attended the ice cream social.

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 45 calls. YTD calls for 2022 are 310. In July 2022, the volunteers logged 1184 shift hours for 64.9 hours per volunteer firefighter. For the 45 responses, there was an average of 3.1 responders per call. Additionally, 96 training hours were logged. Call volume increased 26% from 2021.

Grants: Chief submitted a grant in the amount of \$36,000.00 for Personal Protection Equipment. The grant is through the State of Colorado and with awards being announced in September.

2022 VFA Grant: Chief applied for to purchase demolition saws, wildland hose, a winch for B-223 and portable scene lights and was denied. A reconsideration grant request was applied for on July 27th and the reconsideration was granted and approved. The amount of this grant is \$9,851.00 with a 50% match that was budgeted.

SCBA Regional Grant: Chief reported there is no update on the SCBA Regional grant, however, awards are being announced every Friday for the next several months.

Equipment: Chief reported that the quote to repair the 1989 Beck engine came in at a minimum of \$10,000.00 with no guarantee that the estimate would cover all necessary repairs. Chief recommended that the Board surplus this apparatus. Andrew Koldeway made a motion to surplus the 1989 Beck engine. Karen Hart seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered. Andrew Koldeway made a motion to advertise the 1989 Beck engine on GovDeals with a minimum purchase price of \$3,500. Ann Alley seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Buildings: Work has started to build a vehicle fire training prop at the Training Center. The Volunteer Association contracted with Backwoods Landscaping to construct a planter box under the Training Center sign and hope to have it completed mid fall.

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:

2023 Health Insurance Rates: Geri attended the Public Sector Health Group meeting and it was reported that United Health's premium will increase by 3% for 2023. Metlife is holding their rates for 2023 for dental, vision, life and disability. New for 2023, is the addition of 3 new plans along with an early retiree health insurance program. Full board packet information should be received by August 11th.

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 the social media complaint post by a resident of the District regarding her treatment by the attending medics.

ECCA Board Representative Report: Bob reported that ECCA has filed for 911 surcharge increase from \$1.20 to \$1.80 per line.

Volunteer Representative Report: Adam Erway, Zach Vanconett, Mike Welk and Dustin Wenz successfully completed the Elizabeth/Kiowa Fire Academy and obtained their State Firefighter I certification. Gage Valdez also obtained his FF I certification. Over 90% of the membership is certified at FF I or higher. Mike Welk, Dustin Wenz, Adam Erway and Ethan Dunlop will be starting EMT School in September.

Unfinished Business:

FAMLI Program: Geri reported that under Famli most employees are eligible to receive up to 12 months of paid leave. Those who experience pregnancy or childbirth complications may receive an additional 4 weeks of leave. Famli is a shared fee to employers and employees based on 0.9% of wages. This rate is set through 2023 by Proposition 118. Past 2025, the rate will be set each year by the Division Director and is based on a formula based on the funds balance and usage rates. The amount is statutorily capped at 1.2% of wages. The Board agreed to table this matter upon further research of a short-term/long-term disability insurance policy.

Full-Time Employee Position: The Board and Chief Lamansky discussed the need to add a full-time FF/Paramedic position. Andrew Koldeway made a motion to advertise a FF/Paramedic position both internally and externally with the application period to close October 1st. Salary will be set at \$42,848 and Chief will need to create a job description for the position. Ann Alley seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Andrew Koldeway made a motion to reimburse a candidate who is enrolled in paramedic school up to \$10,000, upon acceptance of employment, signing a reimbursement agreement with District and successful completion of paramedic school. Ann Alley seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

2023 Property/Casualty Insurance Renewal: John Boener with T.Charles Wilson submitted the 2023 property/casualty renewal for the District. The total premium is up 13.5% starting with a new 3 year guarantee. Premium renewal will be \$15,167 and this rate includes increasing building values by 5%. Andrew Koldeway made a motion to renew the 2023 property casualty policy for a 3 year term. 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 7/31/2022 with WBS is \$89,442.65; 0-30 days is \$40,403.13; 31-60 days is \$13,416.70; 61-90 days is \$6,681.18; 91-120 days is \$2,664.00; 121-150 days is \$2,319.79 and 151+ days is \$23,922.88. Quick Med Claims are \$97,394.53.

Wellpath Insurance Letter of Agreement: Geri presented the Letter of Agreement between Wellpath LLC and Kiowa Fire Protection District. This letter of agreement is to ensure that Kiowa Fire District is paid for ambulance calls provided to inmates at the Elbert County Jail. Ann Alley made a motion to approve the Wellpath Insurance agreement. Andrew Koldeway seconded the

motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

Public Comment:

None.

No further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2016 with the next scheduled meeting to commence at approximately 1900 on Wednesday, September 14, 2022.

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

APPROVED BY:

REVIEWED BY:

ATTEST: SECRETARY

BY: _____
Secretary for the Board of Directors