

**KIOWA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
October 11, 2023**

The Board of Directors for the Kiowa Fire Protection District met in a regular scheduled meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023, with the roll call of members as follows:

Debbie Ullom	Present
Andrew Koldeway	Absent-Unexcused
Karen Hart	Present
Lee Montgomery	Present
Mitch Sturm	Present

The Board of Directors convened at 6:00 pm.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Mitch Sturm made a motion to approve the Agenda for October 11, 2023. Lee Montgomery seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

**Correspondence:**

None

**Approval of Minutes:**

Karen Hart made a motion to approve Kiowa Fire Board Directors meeting minutes of September 13, 2023. Mitch Sturm 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 #8773 through #8781 and all ACH disbursements, as reviewed by the Board. Mitch Sturm seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Report of Officers, Professional Consultants & Committees:**

***Fire Chief Gerald Lamansky submitted his Chief report on the following items:***

**Call Volume:** For the past month there were 60 calls. YTD calls for 2023 are 462. In September 2023, the volunteers logged 823 shift hours for 41 hours per volunteer firefighter. For the 60 responses, there was an average of 2.3 responders per call. Additionally, 56 training hours were logged. Call volume 18% increase from 2022.

**Grant:** Chief would like to submit a \$35,000 DFPC grant for bunker gear. This is a 100% grant with no matching funds. Mitch Sturm made a motion to authorize Debbie Ullom to sign a \$35,000 DFPC grant application. Lee Montgomery seconded the motion. The roll having been called, the Chair declared the motion unanimously carried and so ordered.

**Chief Salary:** Debbie Ullom made a motion to add the merit pay to the Chief salary for 2023. Lee Montgomery seconded the motion. Further discussion: how much is the merit increase and what is the effective date. Debbie Ullom amended her motion to increase the Chief salary by 3% with retroactive pay to July 1, 2023. Lee Montgomery amended his second. Motion carried.

**Monthly Summary Report:** The Board had no further questions on the Chief's monthly report.

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

**CO EMS Supplemental Payment Program:** Geri reported that she submitted the CO EMS Supplemental Payment Participation Agreement for the state fiscal year 2022-2023. The state has acknowledged receipt of this agreement and updated Kiowa Fire District's account. This report is due November 27, 2023.

**Medicare Cost Reporting:** Geri reported that EMS agencies that bill medicare are required to participate in cost reporting. Kiowa Fire district was chosen for year 3 with a deadline of May 31, 2024 to submit the report. This report must be submitted to avoid a 10% reduction in medicare reimbursement.

**Propane Tank at Station #2:** At the Budget Committee meeting the question was asked in the District owned the propane tank at Station #2. Geri contacted Glaser Propane and the District does own the 500 gallon tank. If the District would like to install a 1,000 gallon, the tank would need to be purchased at a cost of \$5,100. The Board agreed to leave the 500 gallon tank at Station 2.

**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:***

**Proposition HH Resolution:** The Board discussed adopting a resolution in opposition of Proposition HH and agreed to not remain neutral on the matter and not pass the resolution.

**ECCA Board Representative Report:** Bob reported that Energy Mineral Impact grant funds are available. Douglas County dispatch fees will increase by 3%; however ECCA will absorb those costs.

**Volunteer Report:** Volunteers held their pancake breakfast on September 30<sup>th</sup> and served approximately 60 people. The membership assisted with the Kiowa High School Homecoming weekend event, provided EMS rodeo coverage at the Fairgrounds and EMS coverage at Messer Arena for the Yom Kippur Event.

Volunteer FF/EMT Dustin Wenz was recognized for his service to Kiowa Fire District for the last 28 months. Dustin averaged volunteering 258 hours a month. Dustin has accepted a full-time position with a fire department in Tennessee.

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:**

**Ambulance Accounts:** Outstanding A/R as of 9/30/2023 is \$51,502.62. The breakdown is: 0-30 days – \$145,079.27; 31-60 days - \$11,379.05; 61-90 days - \$7,587.50; 91-120 days - \$7,082.73; 121-150 days - \$1,427.46; 151+ - \$9,946.61.

**2024 Preliminary Budget:** Three preliminary budgets were presented for review. One based on the statutory mill levy of 8.689 mills; the second with a mill levy of 9.145 mills (increase per the degallerghization) and one for Proposition HH if the ballot measure passes in November. The Budget Committee will meet again in December to finalize numbers when the Assessor certifies the final assessed valuation for the district.

**Public Comment:**

None.

No further business coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm with the next regular scheduled meeting to commence at approximately 6:00 pm on Wednesday, November 8, 2023.

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

**APPROVED BY:**

**REVIEWED BY:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST: SECRETARY**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary for the Board of Directors**