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| **Kiowa County Protection District** **Board of Directors** | **Meeting Minutes** **January 17, 2023** |

# Attendees

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| Delton Eikenberg, PresidentAJ McCracken, Vice PresidentEunice Weber, TreasurerJay Specht, Director(Vacant), Director | Russ Watson, District ChiefRaina Lucero, District Secretary Weston Meardon, Eads Station Chief |

# Call to order

The regular meeting of the Kiowa County Fire Protection District was called to order at 7:18 pm on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, by President Delton Eikenberg. A roll call was performed listing all members present.

# Approval of agenda

Weber moved to approve the agenda, McCracken seconded, Motion carried.

# Approval of minutes

McCracken moved to approve the December Regular Meeting Minutes, Specht seconded, motion carried.
Specht moved to approve the December Budget Hearing Minutes, Weber seconded, Motion carried.

# District chief report

Watson informed the board that the Eads station held an election to reorganize their leadership, Weston Meardon will now serve as Station Chief, Justin Lenox Assistant Chief, Jacob Kraft Captain, and Tyler McCracken Lieutenant.

Watson updated that Unit 88 will not need an alignment.

Alexanders has come and serviced all fire extinguishers.

Watson informed that there will be a defensive driving course held county wide at the fairgrounds with Kiowa County Deputy Avery Snover instructing. Watson asked if the board would consider purchasing items to prepare a free meal for those who partake in the event. Specht asked Watson to make this event a recruitment event to try and get new members to each fire station within the district. With this, Specht motioned to approve the purchase of food to be cooked for the event, Weber seconded, motion carried.

Watson also indicated there will be a helicopter training event for safe landing zones that the District stations will be taking part in also.

Watson has found someone who may be interested in purchasing the International (new truck), he will keep the board updated thought the month.

# Old business

McCracken has spoken with GN-Bank president Sean Lenning about finance options for new equipment, McCracken will take a copy of the 2023 budget to Lenning to talk about potential finance options and general terms.

A letter was drafted by Lucero to send to Verizon Wireless to cancel service. The letter was approved and signed by Eikenberg along with final payment.

# New business

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE 2023 REGULAR DISTRICT ELECTION AND APPOINTING A DESIGNATED ELECTION Resolution 2023-001 was read aloud by Lucero. McCracken made a motion to adopt, Specht seconded, motion carried.

Director, Casey Sheridan informed the board via email that he will be resigning his position due to personal reasons. This will create a vacancy that must be filled, followed by electing a director for the position at the May election. The board agreed to publish a Notice of Vacancy in the Kiowa County Independent for 2 weeks and at the February meeting the first order of business will be to decide and appoint a director.

There is the question as to whether a director of the board can also serve as a volunteer firefighter. Lucero was directed to get clarification from the attorneys on the matter and report to the board.

Meardon brought to attention an unpaid bill to the Kiowa County School District for the food items purchased for the District Chili Super and Santa Night. A check for the total amount was approved and sent to the school at the December meeting, in the time since then there was confusion about if the district should be paying the school or the food supplier. At the time of the meeting, it had already been clarified with the school that they would take the payment from the district as they had in the years passed.

# Approval of accounts payable

Weber motioned to approve the accounts payable as presented, McCracken seconded, motion carried.

# Announcements

None

# Adjournment

Weber motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm Specht seconded; motion carried.

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Attest: Raina Lucero