## Kiowa County Protection District Board of Directors Meeting Minutes January 22, 2025

**Attendance:**  
Present: Board Members: Monte Billheimer, Eunice Weber, Branden Dunlap  
 **A quorum is present.** Absent: Board Members: Joshua Vanderpool  
**Staff Present:** Secretary Raina Lucero; District Chief Russ Watson

**Call to Order**  
The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Monte Billheimer.

**Approval of Agenda**  
Additions to the agenda: Add Reorganization before District Chief Report. Add Approve minutes. Motion to approve the agenda as modified by Eunice Weber, seconded by Branden Dunlap. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes**  
Motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting by Branden Dunlap. Seconded by Eunice Weber. Motion passed.

**Public Input**  
No public input.

**Reorganization**

All legals will be sent to Kiowa County Independent and Kiowa County Press.   
Monte Billheimer will serve as President.  
Branden Dunlap will serve as Vice-President.  
Eunice Weber will serve as Treasurer.  
Joshua Vanderpool will serve as Director.   
There is still one vacancy to fill.

**District Chief Report**Eads Station Reorganization was discussed with the board.  
Weston Meardon- Chief  
Bryce Batterton- Assistant Chief  
Jimmy Darnell- Captain  
Treasurer- Jacob Muehlbauer  
Secretary- Jayce Negley

Watson discussed getting a full service done on the command vehicle.

Watson discussed concerns that there may be a fuel issue in Sheridan Lake, the fuel trailer may need to be moved.

There will be district-wide ICS 1-2-7-8 training at the Cobblestone on Feb. 3 from 5-10 pm. Eunice will go to the Cobblestone and pay for the meeting room and pay for the pizzas for the training.

There are several volunteers who will need their CPR update soon. Eunice has offered to teach this class, Russ and Eunice will work out a date and time for this.

Tri-County Fire has offered a free engine.

Eads’s station would like to purchase a 55 gal. oil drum for when the district vehicles need oil changes. This purchase was approved.

T-shirts for all volunteers were discussed. Russ will get a quote from a local designer for the next meeting. The approval to spend up to $1000 on volunteer shirts was approved by the board.

**Old Business**

Eunice has applied for Sams number Lisa, the regional Economic Development, who will help look for grants the District may be eligible for.

Radios- Chief Watson provided a quote from Digicom for a new pack set and mobile radio for the Chief. The quote is $11,351.30 for Motorola APX30 and APX8500. Bradon Dunlap made a motion to approve the purchase of the radios. Eunice seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Insurance question: Does our insurance cover radios. Raina will work with VFIS to determine if it does.

**New Business**

Town of Eads update. Branden Dunlap was at the last town of Eads meeting, where he requested to be put on the agenda for their next meeting where we could discuss the Town the water issues and present them with a new IGA.   
A new IGA was drawn up by the lawyers and has been sent to the Town of Eads.

The board discussed the possibility of billing insurance for grass fires, vehicle fires and other fires where insurance is billed.

**Approval of Accounts Payable**Branden Dunlap moved to approve accounts payable, Eunice seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Announcements**The next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2025.   
  
Election Deadlines are pending. At the next meeting Raina will have Self Nomination paperwork for members to fill out.

**Adjournment**Motion to adjourn by Eunice Weber, seconded by Josh Vanderpool. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

**Signed this date: February 19, 2025 by,  
Kiowa County Fire Protection District**

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**Attest: Raina Lucero**

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