



TOWN OF KIOWA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Rescheduled Monthly Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2026

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hart led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Hart called the monthly Board of Trustees meeting to order on July 21, 2026, at 7:16 pm.

Present: Mayor Hart, Trustee Smith, Trustee Wineland, and Trustee Schantz. Trustee Stahl was absent.

Also present:

Sasha Davidson, Town Clerk

Kim Boyd, Town Administrator

Joshua Myers, Town Attorney

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Smith motioned to approve the agenda with revision that Item 8A under General Business be removed from the agenda and continued to the August meeting, and Trustee Schantz seconded. The motion carried 4-0 with no discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

- A. **Save the Cowboy – 2026 Long X Ranch Annual Fundraiser – Special Event Liquor License.** Kathy Weber presented an application for a special-event liquor license for the 2026 Save the Cowboys Long X Ranch Annual Fundraiser. She stated that the organization held the fundraiser at the fairgrounds the previous year and planned to use the location again following a successful event. No public comments or objections were received. Trustee Smith motioned to approve the special event liquor permit and Trustee Schantz seconded. The motion carried 4-0 with no discussion.

WORK STUDY SESSION

- A. **Automated Vehicle Identification Systems – Review of traffic study results and discussion of next steps, Present by Jerome Riordan with Dacra Tech ASE.**

Jerome Riordan of Dacra Tech presented the results of a seven-day traffic study conducted at several locations throughout Kiowa. The study was intended to evaluate possible locations for automated speed-enforcement systems and support a future Colorado Department of Transportation automated vehicle identification system permit

application. The data supported consideration of enforcement systems on Ute Ave, near Town Hall and on Highway 86. The area around the bridge construction was determined to be ineffective due to the construction of the bridge and naturally slowing traffic. It was suggested that additional study should be conducted after the bridge was completed and once school was back in session.

- B. Public Infrastructure Funding Options.** Attorney Josh Myers presented an overview of the funding and financing options that may be available as development is possible in Kiowa. Topics included: aligning financing strategies with the Town's growth and land-use policies, protecting Kiowa's identity while planning for development, considering developer funded infrastructure, enterprise funds, special districts, improvement fees, and intergovernmental cooperation and regional financing tools and other options. The Board had a discussion regarding the importance of requiring new development to bear an appropriate share of the costs and avoiding financial obligations that could shift costs to existing residents.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes and Expenditures for Year-to-Date 2026

Trustee Smith moved to approve the consent agenda items, and Trustee Shantz seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0 with no discussion

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Removed from Agenda and continued to August meeting.

- B. ORDINANCE NO. 2026-07, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE DISCONNECTION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FROM THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDRIES OF THE TONW OF KIOWA PURSUANT TO C.R.S. §§ 31-12-501 THROUGH 31-12-503.** Attorney Josh Myers presented the Ordinance concerning the disconnection of the property identified as 905 Pawnee St. from the municipal boundaries of Kiowa. The property had become a satellite parcel following the court-ordered disconnection of adjacent property. The property is served by a private well and septic system and does not receive Town water or sewer service. No objections or concerns were received from Elbert County or affected special districts during the statutory notice period. The proposed ordinance included protections requiring the property owners to pay costs associated with updating the Town's boundary map, recording the ordinance, filing certified documents with the county and other fees associated with the disconnection. The disconnection will not become effective until the ordinance is published, all required costs are paid, and a certified copy is recorded with the County Clerk and Recorder. Public comment was received from the new owner of the property, Dean McAllister, who expressed support for completing the disconnection.

Trustee Smith moved to approve ORDINANCE NO. 2026-07, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE DISCONNECTION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FROM THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDRIES OF THE TOWN OF KIOWA PURSUANT TO C.R.S. §§ 31-12-501 THROUGH 31-12-503, and Trustee Schantz seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0 with no discussion.

- C. **RESOLUTION 2026-14 – A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF THE DARREL ABBEY COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR KIOWA HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS.** The proposed scholarship is intended to recognize students who demonstrate volunteer service, civic engagement, leadership, and meaningful contributions to the community. A separate bank account has been established at Farmers State Bank, and the Town may contribute up to \$1,500 annually. Private donations may also be accepted. The resolution expresses the Town's support for creating the program but does not establish final eligibility, application, selection, funding, or administrative procedures. Those details will be developed and presented to Council for later approval.

Trustee Smith moved to approve RESOLUTION 2026-14 – A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF THE DARREL ABBEY COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR KIOWA HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS, and Trustee Schantz seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0 with no discussion.

STAFF REPORTS

- A. **Mayor** – Mayor Hart reported that Dads of Elbert County had assisted with repairs and improvements at the Senior Center. She attended the CML conference last month and noted that she learned a lot.
- B. **Board of Trustees** – The County Fair beginning this Saturday was discussed along with all the fun activities. It was noted that the fireworks had to be cancelled on opening night due to high fire danger and upon the recommendation of both the fire department and the sheriff's department. On Saturday the first of August, the Town of Kiowa, along with the Town of Elizabeth will be hosting the 50th Ice Cream Social on Colorado Day. The drone show will follow at the fairgrounds.
- C. **Town Attorney**
- a. **Maverix Litigation** - Attorney Josh Myer discussed the continuing litigation with Maverix. Communication has been obtained from a receivership entity stating it is taking over all operations and financial control of Maverix. Attorney Myer's office will be reaching out to the attorneys to see if the issue can get resolved.

- b. **Updated Zoning Code** - The other topic that Attorney Myers discussed was regarding the updated zoning code. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the updated zoning code. The new zoning code will be presented to the Board at the next meeting as a public hearing. Council members will receive the proposed code early because of its length and complexity.

D. Town Administrator

- a. **Grants Update** - The Town was not selected for the federal Build grant, so the staff will meet with Kimley-Horn and CDOT to discuss alternative funding. CDOT has included the project in its ten-year plan, providing approximately \$5 million that may serve as matching funds for future grant applications. Other town grants remain on schedule.
- b. **Parks Project** - Demolition of the former tennis court at Nordman park has been completed. A 1973 construction stamp was found and is being preserved for possible future display. The cleared area will allow construction of the new pavilion. GOCO will hold a project roadshow in Kiowa on August 26th from 10am-Noon. Staff intend to have the pavilion and dome playground installed or underway before the road show. The remaining playground equipment is expected later, potentially in October. The splash pad and restroom installation are anticipated in spring 2027, with a goal of opening by Memorial Day. Existing playground equipment will be donated to another municipality or organization. A large aging pine tree near the planned restroom location will be removed because of structural and safety concerns and replaced with a fast-growing, cotton-less cotton-wood or similar tree. Kimley-Horn is conducting engineering and drainage work for the proposed parking lot at Fawn Valley Park.
- c. **Darrel Abbey Scholarship** - A bank account has been opened for the Darrell Abbey Scholarship Fund, and the first private donation has been received. The scholarship will be formally introduced during the annual Ice Cream Social.
- d. **Town Events** - Council members interested in helping at the Ice Cream Social were asked to contact staff so event shirts could be ordered. The Ice Cream Social is scheduled from 6:00 to approximately 8:30 p.m., followed by a drone show at approximately 9:00 p.m.
- e. **Audit** - The Town and Water Authority audits received extensions and are expected to be completed by September 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – The board moved to enter executive session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a) and (b), and Town Charter § 3.12(1)(b) and (c), for the purpose of the Town’s consideration of the Town’s purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of real, personal, or other property interests where public disclosure could provide another party with an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage; and receipt of legal advice from the Town Attorney regarding specific legal questions related to those matters. Mayor Hart moved to exit the regular session and enter the Executive session, and Trustee Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0 with no discussion. The Board exited the regular session at 9:46pm and entered the Executive session at 9:50pm. The Town exited the Executive session at 10:14pm and re-entered the regular session at 10:19pm.

Mayor Hart made the motion to the Town Administrator and Town Attorney to pursue the Community Development Block Grant from DOLA and to take such actions that are needed to obtain grant funding and enter into contract to obtain real property for the purposes discussed during the executive session. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0 with no discussion.

DISCUSSION/COMMUNICATION

- A. Municipal Court and the Town Municipal Code** – The Town of Kiowa has retained a new court judge. It was noted that court continuances will only be allowed by the judge’s discretion after a formal request.

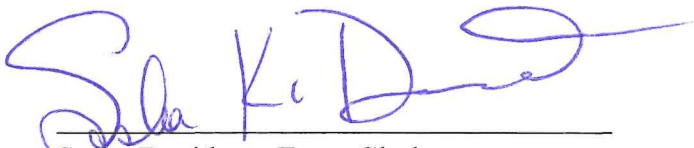
ADJOURN

Trustee Smith moved to adjourn at 10:19pm. Trustee Shantz seconded. The motion carried 4-0 with no discussion.

Approved:



Tammy Hart, Mayor



Sasha Davidson, Town Clerk