

## **SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL**

The Board of Directors of the Kearney Fire & Rescue Protection District met in regular session at the Kearney Fire Station, 201 E 6<sup>th</sup> Street, at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 23, 2025. Members present were Michael Maher, Todd Gustafson, Ted Jacques, Kim Murphy and Dale Ahle. Chief Pratt was also present.

Chairman Maher opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Director Ahle and seconded by Director Jacques to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2025 meeting and the consent agenda which included paid bills and unpaid bills. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Report: Attached

OLD BUSINESS: None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC HEARING and 2025 PROPOSED TAX LEVY:** Chairman Maher opened the public hearing to receive comments regarding property tax rates proposed to be set for the Kearney Fire & Rescue Protection District. Chief Pratt reviewed the rates as published in the notice of public hearing.

Chairman Maher opened the floor for discussion. No public comments. Public hearing was closed at 9:09 AM. Chair entertained a motion to set the property tax levies for 2025. Motion was made by Director Murphy and seconded by Director Ahle to adopt Ordinance 25-004, AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND FIXING THE RATE OF TAX FOR BASIC, AMBULANCE, AND DISPATCH PURPOSES AND FOR THE DEBT SERVICE FUND FOR 2025. Motion was approved by a vote of 5-0. (Ordinance copy attached)

**LAND DONATION AGREEMENT:** Chairman Maher reviewed the proposed Real Estate Donation and Acceptance Agreement. This agreement was negotiated between Directors Maher and Jacques, Chief Pratt and Craig Porter's attorney. Motion was made by Director Murphy and seconded by Director Ahle to approve Ordinance 2025-005, AN ORDINANCE OF THE KEARNEY FIRE & RESCUE PROTECTION DISTRICT ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF A TRACT OF LAND AND AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO AFFECT THE TRANSFER OF TITLE FOR THIS PROPERTY TO THE KEARNEY FIRE & RESCUE PROTECTION DISTRICT. The purpose of said ordinance is to create a clear record the land was donated, identify the property and that we are agreeing to the terms and conditions of the Agreement that has been proposed in connection with this as far as who has what responsibilities. The Agreement requires the

District to approve the Agreement prior to October 31. Discussion followed. Motion was approved with a vote of 5-0. (Ordinance copy attached)

Chairman Maher informed the Board to proceed with the planning documents there is a survey of the easement to extend the sanitary sewer from the existing manhole to a new manhole at the corner of our lot and the anticipated engineering cost is approximately \$9,000. Motion was made by Director Murphy and seconded by Director Ahle to approve paying for this cost so that the process can proceed. Motion carried.

BILLING DISPUTE: Chief Pratt reviewed information for the Board regarding a patient that has disputed being charged for an ALS transport that in their opinion should have only been charged mileage. Discussion followed. Chief Pratt suggested charging \$300 plus mileage for this transport and any future instances. Board approved.

Next regular meeting date was set for Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Chairman Maher adjourned the meeting at 9:37 AM.

Approved: _____	Attest: _____
Michael Maher, Chairman	Rhonda Fort, Secretary