

Richardson Co EMA Director seeks info on reappointment vote

(KLZA)-- Richardson County Emergency Management Agency Director Brian Kirkendall met with the County Commissioners last Wednesday to discuss his concerns with the vote in regards to his re-appointment as Emergency Management Director and Noxiouis Weed Superintendent for 2025.

Kirkendall was re-appointed on a 2-1 vote with Third District Commissioner Rick Karas casting a nay vote on Kirkendall's re-appointment.

Kirkendall was inquiring about what aspects of his job performance could be improved upon.

Karas said he would like to see a more aggressive type of service, including meeting with fire fighters at mutual aid meetings and being more involved and said he had heard from upset citizens in regards to the October 30, 2024 storm that passed through the area without the warning sirens sounding.

Kirkendall responded that he attends the Fire Department meetings in the county when invited and does so at least once a year, providing updates on the “page My Cell” and other emergency preparation items.

Concerning the October 30th storm that caused major damage in Richardson County, Kirkendall reported the National Weather Service did not detect the storm on radar and noted that he will be reviewing the outdoor warning siren policy with the Commissioners in the near future.

Kirkendall also responded to District 2 Commissioner Bob Campbell that the Emergency Management Incident Trailer is ready for service if needed. Following the purchase of the trailer it was not ready for service until new radio equipment was received and installed.

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