

March 29, 2012 CCA Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Elizabeth Brownrigg, Elisabeth Maier, Rob Hughes, Art Wilbur, Terry Wolff, Bob Logue, Gerry Boxberger, and Sharon Wilbur, (guest), at the Wilburs' house, 10:30 am

Art reported that the logistics and support of a volunteer FD in Carson are astounding. On March 20, three CCA Board Members and nine CVFD trainees appeared at the Commissioner's Meeting. Taos County Manager J. Caldwell, Esq., and the Board were extremely impressed with the progress of our FD, and voted unanimously to approve our Fire Dept. In addition, Ass't Chief Borne from the Ojo FD gave our volunteers accolades.

Art & Sharon also met with John Gillette, Taos Co. Finance Manager and Senior Accountant.

Our area, known as the Carson Fire District, the 19th District in Taos County, includes South and North Carson, Three Peaks, Two Peaks, and possibly Starr Community and more. This is to be determined by the State Fire Marshall, John Stamford.

The State Fire Dept. Inspector, Rudy Padilla, will be in Carson on Wednesday to meet w/ Art to see Carson and what we're dealing with.

Wild land Fire Training: we need to purchase boots for 10 volunteers, at a total cost of approximately \$1200. We have raised \$750 with the "Adopt-A-Firefighter Program". The Board voted unanimously to pay the balance from the CCA funds, as time is of the essence. The number of Carson firefighters accepted into the training in Red River will be determined by a lottery. Anyone not going can do the training with Brett Bower, who is certified and willing to do so here in Carson on Wednesday April 4th. A person must be capable of carrying a heavy pack for 3 miles in 45 minutes. Brett will be able to certify people in "S130" and "S190", which is basic wild land firefighting. In addition, Chris Furr, Head Ranger for the US Forest Svc. in Tres Piedras, can give us any other equipment we may need for the above training.

We need to add a statement to the CCA by-laws noting that our 501(c)(3) supersedes the community by-law that limits CCA expenditures to \$100 unless voted on by the entire community. CCA, (not CVFD), expenditures in excess of \$100 may be approved by the CCA Board.

Expenditures for the Fire Dept using funds received from the Federal, State, or County government can be approved by the consensus of our FD Chief Art Wilbur, Ass't FD Chief Terry Wolff, and FD Treasurer Elisabeth Maier. These monies will be kept in a separate bank account from the current CCA bank account. Terry Wolff created a CCA Quickbook Company, and will be putting ledger info from Treasurer Elisabeth Maier into a Quickbooks spreadsheet. We can use the County Accountant now for our Fire Department books.

Sharon Wilbur is working on applying for a USDA Federal grant for our VFD and needs help. The grant is for \$20K for equipment, and \$25K for a project. We seem to fall into a high-priority category for both. The deadline is April 16th. Some FEMA grants will be available as of April 1.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45ish. (Sorry, I forgot to check the time).