

May 21, 2012 CCA Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Elizabeth Brownrigg, Elisabeth Maier, Rob Hughes, Art Wilbur, Terry Wolff, Jerry Boxberger, and guests Sharon Wilbur and Karen Boxberger. Wilburs' house, 4:30 pm

Update: The Wilburs submitted to the Taos County Office the registration and other relevant paperwork regarding the fire truck donated to us by Bosque Farms.

Funding: Taos County CFO John Gennett will create an account for us for any funding from NM State. Elsa Vigil is the Fixed Assistant Manager, in charge of distribution of all fire equipment. She also inspects all equipment.

One Year Probation: This means we take full responsibility for financing the CVFD. We have accumulated 99% of what we need on the list in just over 1 month. It is acceptable to the county for us to garage the new fire truck at the Wilburs' during the probation period. We have also compiled a list of equipment we own as well as a roster of firefighters.

CVFD Titles: Brett Bower is our Deputy Fire Chief, in charge of equipment, training, and personnel. Terry Wolff and Sharon Wilbur are our Administrative Assistants, and are in charge of all paperwork, documents, maps, etc.

Section 10 Status: State Fire Marshall Inspector, Joe Padilla, is supposed to meet with Deputy Fire Marshall Mueller, who is also Director of Finance for NM State. If we can get qualified as having a Section 10 status, we can receive up to \$40,000 from the State. Taos County supposedly sent the state our insurance resolution and mapping of our district to constitute where we stand. If they actually did this, then the State defines our district and communications for the 35 miles in our district. Our FD has been on 5 incidents so far. April Anderson has been on 9 calls including both fire and EMS. We are very active and capable, and of the 17 districts in the Enchanted Circle, we probably rank #3 in training. We need to have the process of getting qualified by the State completed by May 31st. If this doesn't occur, Art will go to the governor. It is imperative we achieve this due to the age and vulnerability of the Carson population.

Equipment: Peralta FD plans to have a meeting and give us some radio equipment. We currently have several hundred feet of hose and some other tools. However, we still need a substantial amount of expensive equipment such as: a pole spike, a claw tool, a pick head ax. We need to contact other FDs for equipment donation.

Evacuation Plan: for animals, the Wilburs have a trailer. So does Greg Busick, but he is currently suffering health problems. We need to get a tangible evacuation plan out to the public, via email as well as at the upcoming fair. We should set up a buddy system, update the phone tree at the fair, and create a priority list. *** to do at next meeting, June 18^{th***}

Fire Break: the area west of Forest Service Road 256 is full of dead trees- a major fire hazard. Chris Furr from Tres Piedras FD agreed to make us a firebreak. Art will follow up on that. Taos County can condemn property. It may be worth contacting the landowners near 256 to see if they'll allow people to come in and remove the dead wood. We need to obtain current addresses. Perhaps

we could enroll the Carson FD to remove the dead trees in exchange for them keeping some of it for firewood. The rest we could sell to profit the CVFD.

Firehouse: Rob and Art have been to the Ojo Caliente FD. We need to think big for a FEMA grant. Jennifer Smith said the land for our proposed building is in a flood zone from the arroyo. We will need to build up the area 12” with compacted material. This will need to pass certain tests, etc. Also, new insulation laws will prohibit our firehouse to be made of metal. One possibility might be to modify Eric’s garage for the new truck, then pay him a monthly rent. We hope to get some more money soon. Rob says it’s faster and easier to build a new shed or get a small metal building to garage the truck temporarily. For now, we agreed keeping it at the Wilburs is best for security and it is not in a flood zone. The next step is to get a professional to give us an estimate for the building pad, most likely a company from Española or Santa Fe.

Pledge Drive: We need to have a pledge drive to raise money for the 9 volunteers willing to go to Socorro Fire Academy for two weeks in August. It’s required they take the Firefighter I-Structural Fire Training course. ***discuss at next mtg, June 18***

Firetrucks the CCA currently owns:

1. 1986 1000 gallon pumper tanker, 28,000 miles. Fully equipped. New = \$180,000
2. 1991 300 gallon Class III First Responder, (coming to Carson at some point)*
3. “Old Yeller” from Ojo FD- 2000 gallon tanker, (water only). Currently in Ojo Caliente.*

Money: We need to write corporate grants. VFDs are great tax write-offs. We need to research what grants are available. Elizabeth and Elisabeth will ask Karen Matherlee what info she may have on the subject. It’s important we always connect use of CCA funds to the FD. The County Grant Manager has to appropriate it for us.

Outer Carson District: Art went to Three Peaks to introduce himself and talk about the CVFD. Many people were surprised and happy to hear such a thing existed. Meanwhile, Two Peaks recently had a BBQ and raised enough money to buy CVFD T-shirts.

Wish List: We need clothing racks to hang the gear on, which will go into the storage unit. We need a computer and printer, and web hosting for our sites, (sites thanks to Terry Wolff):

www.carsonnm.org

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Next Board Meeting: Monday, June 18, 4:30pm, the Wilburs’