

January 19, 2013 CCA Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Elizabeth Brownrigg, Elisabeth Maier, Jerry Boxberger, Rob Hughes, Art Wilbur, Peter Allen, and guest Karen Boxberger. The Wilburs' house, 3:00 pm – 4:15 pm

Various: minutes from the last board meeting, 12-14-12 were read and approved. Elisabeth Maier added that we received \$350 from our pledge drive for \$7500, but only from residents outside of Carson. Today she received a \$250 donation from a Carson resident. She wrote a letter about donating for the upcoming *O Piñon!* Acting Board Member Peter Allen was welcomed.

Fire Dept: Art spoke again recently with Brett Bower, whose personal life is getting better. But Brett is gone during our summer fire season. However, between now and then he is willing to help with the training and equipment, just not the paperwork. We now have some new men, (Roy Smith moved away), and there will be another Structural Training Class in September for them. Art got a memo that we are going to “take delivery” on our 2000 gallon water storage pumper from Ojo. It will be picked up and garaged by the County for us until our building is done, thanks again to Rick Chavez. Also, Greg Scott's tank is almost ready, which, combined with this new pumper, will provide us with almost 6000 gallons of stored water in Carson. New grant opportunities are coming up soon. When the fire season begins again, Art plans on getting Craig Borne of Ojo to facilitate- because of his status he will legally be able to come to control the fire with our firefighters. Ideally, Art would like to get Brett Bower as our official chief, but due to certain considerations, time will tell. There are certain things that must be completed by April 17th, and nothing's been done since October. If we can meet the requirements for the State Inspection, which we are very close to doing, we can qualify as a bona fide NM State Fire Dept. Art will call Bosque Farms and ask for more equipment. We need a volunteer to call other FDs and ask for donations. Possibly Shelly Hughes?

FD Garage Financing: Greg Scott said to Art that he could provide quick cash to finance the building if/when the time comes. The Board feels this could be acceptable provided the terms are clearly stated and he is aware that there is a small risk involved and will not hold the CCA nor the CVFD accountable for situations beyond their control should the County money we are banking on fall through. According to Rob's research, (he still needs to obtain some more bids for various aspects of the project), we will ultimately need approximately \$28,000 to complete. We will overestimate and add a contingency clause to refund any unused money to the lender.

Flood Plain Info: Rob found we do need to go through the flood plain steps despite the illogic of it all. Rob Watt of Red Tail Survey will do the flood plain survey and elevation report for \$600, (a very reasonable fee). Rob Hughes will meet him on site on Tuesday, January 22nd. Once Red Tail has completed the report and turned it in to the county, we plan to go then to Jessica Gutierrez with all the completed paperwork and get the building permit.

Foundation: We need the surveyor, Rob Watt of Red Tail Surveying, to determine the existing elevation above mean sea level of the proposed building site grounds. FEMA requires we have the foundation 3' tall. We will pour a footing 12" below existing ground and use concrete foam forms to go up. Rick Chavez/Taos Co. will then come and fill/backfill.

Next CCA Board Meeting: Saturday, March 9, 3pm, The Wilburs. *Decide Summer Fair date.

Next CCA General Meeting: Saturday, April 27th, Noon, Quonset, Pizza. *FD update & Fair.