

October 18, 2013 CCA Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Elizabeth Brownrigg, Elisabeth Maier, Rob Hughes, Art Wilbur, and Bob Logue, 4:30 at the Wilburs'.

Old Biz: Elisabeth read the minutes from the 10-1 Board Meeting and they were amended. We will keep the wood stove and continue to use it in addition to the propane stove. Rob said Lowe's has a tank and regulator we can purchase for the new heater.

Fire Dept: How to separate the CCA and the FD? Art resigned and turned the position of Fire Chief over to David Elliot, with Brett Bower as the Captain. We are trained and capable. Art feels he has reached the limit of his expertise, and also his health has suffered from the FD stress. He believes David is capable with the paperwork, and Brett has decades of fire-fighting experience. Allan Sanchez, the new Taos County Fire Marshall, agrees with this choice.

The FD is now in the hands of the Fire Marshall. Once the land is turned over to the county, David and Brett will need to come up with the Bylaws for the Carson District Fire Department. These are solely for the FD. Elsa Vigil is in charge of procurements and authorizations for all the county FDs. Lots of paperwork is involved in order to get things. The Fire Chiefs do not have too much leeway-categories are in place, and the financial system of the county FDs is complicated. We have received \$51,575, which is the annual budget from NM State for Class 10 FDs. David Elliot just procured a lot of gear from Las Cruces FD. The new County Attorney is very detail oriented.

Elisabeth brought up having an overview and a board for the FD. Art said the FD will come up with a board when they create their bylaws. The County will take over all the FD stuff once the property is turned over. The FD will also need a Rehab Unit- people who can be sure the firefighters are cared for during an incident- food, water, medical attention, etc. Joseph will be helping David with the FD. Allan Sanchez is a good mentor. Rob went to the FD meeting this past Sunday. He said David is feeling a little overwhelmed by the paperwork. Rob will check in, but it should start to go more smoothly once systems are established. According to Art, Allan Sanchez could also bring in another Fire Chief if needed. The county will change all FD Bylaws to give more power to the County Fire Marshall, (a new county position). The County will run all FDs.

Art suggested we buy some new, lightweight, collapsible tables for the CCA to replace the big heavy wood ones. Sam's Club has them. Elisabeth proposed we move the FD items out of the CCA shed into the FD Garage so we can use the shed for CCA items. FD Garage can accommodate a lot, but there are lots of county regulations. Rob suggested we put in some storage means quickly before the deed is complete.

501(c)(3): There is an issue regarding money for the FD. Once we grant the FD to the county, the CCA will not have the FD as the qualifier for the federal tax-exempt status. Sharon proposed we form an auxiliary. The Santo Niño Food Bank should qualify us, but the Hawleys are not forthcoming with the necessary paperwork. Rob said we should go back in history to the pre-FD days, and be sure to keep the money the CCA had prior to starting the FD. We reaped a lot of money from the elephant stools, which were CCA property. We need to contact the IRS to see if we still qualify for the 501(c)(3), or if we need to change our purpose, as was suggested by an

accountant friend of Elisabeth's. Art will contact the IRS. He will find out if we can use CCA donations for other charitable things related to the community, such as a community well. We are also wondering if we can have a Summer Fair that is for both the CCA and the FD. We can allocate money for the FD. If someone donates to the FD specifically, and we use it for the CCA, we could have trouble unless the funds are marked and used appropriately. Elisabeth will be sure to handle this at the CCA Treasurer.

Donation: James and Michelle Defibaugh have donated a large diesel generator to the CCA. We need to pour a concrete pad for it. It also needs a new voltage regulator. Bob will tell Michelle we accept and to hold on to it for us until we can install it.

Various: Brief discussion about the upcoming travel plans of Board members. Art needs to sign the paperwork- he may be able to do it this coming week after the CCA meeting on Saturday. It also will be likely that Greg Scott needs to sign something granting the easement on his land. EGB will provide 2 signed copies of the General Meeting minutes to Sharon by Tuesday morning. Elisabeth will give Rob the checkbook before she leaves for CA.

Meeting adjourned 5:50 pm.