

CCA Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2013

The CCA General Meeting at the CCA Quonset, 10/19/13, 4:10-4:40 p.m.

Old Business: The CCA General Meeting minutes from 4/27/13 were read. Much has been accomplished since then.

Fire Dept: Art Wilbur reported that the Carson District Fire Dept has received \$51,575 from the State and County. The County now controls all the FD funds and distributes them according to their itemized budgeting system. Elsa Vigil and John Jeannett are in charge of equipment procurement and financial authorizations for all Taos County Fire Depts. Taos County now, for the first time, has a Fire Marshall. He is Alan Sanchez, who is also a part of Homeland Security. He is the mediator and “go-to” person in a new and much-needed position. His job is to oversee all of the county fire departments. Some of the fire departments need upgrading, but ours is well trained and on top of things, so we are not at risk of losing county funding like some others are. We have radios now and are prepared to be dispatched. Brett Bower is one of our qualified emergency first responders. In the event of a fire or medical emergency always dial 911.

Art also stated that he has relinquished his position as Fire Chief. He has reached the limit of his expertise, which is predominantly military, and we have other qualified and trained people for the position. David Elliot will be the new Fire Chief, and Brett Bower will assist him as Captain. David is good with the administrative work and Brett has years of experience fighting fires. Art thanked the CCA Board for all the hard work. Jerry Boxberger thanked Art and Sharon Wilbur for all their instrumental work and tenacity.

Election of new CCA Vice-President: Since Bob Logue has been made an Honorary Lifetime Board Member instead of Vice President now due to health issues, Art Wilbur made a motion to elect Rob Hughes as the CCA Vice President. Elizabeth Brownrigg seconded the motion, and it was voted on and approved by all.

Two Motions to complete transferring CCA land and Fire Garage to Taos County:

- 1. Elizabeth Brownrigg made a motion that the CCA grant the properties and fire garage designated for the Carson Volunteer Fire District to Taos County.**

Frank Bottema seconded the motion; it was voted on and passed unanimously, including all proxy votes.

- 2. Elizabeth Brownrigg made a motion that the CCA shall authorize Art Wilbur to sign any and all documents necessary for the transfer of the CCA properties designated for the Carson Volunteer Fire District to Taos County. Jerry Boxberger seconded the motion; it was voted on and passed unanimously, including all proxy votes.**

Art explained that the County Attorney we had started the process with was replaced, and the new attorney and his assistant have very specific requests we needed to comply with. We are hopeful this is the last step necessary to complete the transfer and receive our money.

CCA and the FD- how they will continue to be related: The CCA spearheaded and sponsored the Fire Dept, paying for almost everything needed. The CCA can hold the Summer Fair for the Fire Dept on the FD property and also designate a portion of the proceeds for the CCA. We can also have potluck parties at the FD, and we would like to have an Open House. But this can wait until the county puts in a concrete floor. A suggestion was made to donate some of the money the CCA has to the volunteers who worked on the Fire Garage. Art has transferred the accounts for the utilities for the Fire Garage from the CCA to the County. Since the CCA and the FD will soon be separate, money given to the CCA and designated specifically by donors for the FD will be marked and used as such. Otherwise, donations will be used for CCA projects, tbd.

Generous Donations: Maurice Palinsky donated a propane heater to the CCA. We will install it in the Quonset, and use it along with the wood-burning stove. James Defibaugh donated a large diesel generator, which we will also install at the CCA building. Many thanks from the CCA for these gracious gifts.

Christmas Potluck Party: will be on Saturday, December 14, at 5 p.m. The CCA will provide the beverages.

Submitted by Elizabeth Brownrigg, CCA Secretary