

# August 25, 2014 CCA Board Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Elizabeth Brownrigg, Elisabeth Maier, Art Wilbur, Peter Allen, Bob Logue, Jerry Boxberger, & Rob Hughes. (Richard & Tupper Hawley, Sharon Wilbur & Karen Boxberger, guests), from 5-6:30 pm at the Wilburs'.

**Old Biz:** Elizabeth read the minutes from the 7-21 CCA Board Meeting and all approved.

**Food Bank:** Richard Hawley stated the intention of the food bank was to support neighbors. A type of ministry about loving each other. Food is the applicable, tangible way to express this. They were initially under one tax-exempt organization that failed, so they switched to Cristalyn's church's, but couldn't stay because they weren't members. So they approached the CCA and this fit is perfect as the FD is no longer associated with the CCA financially, and we have the community building for this type of use. The Food Bank is fluid and broad based. Food is available for everyone. The Questa Food Bank dissolved, but now will be restarted since the mine closed. An opportunity to help people w/o qualification.

One question is how to account for our community. We want to be sure Carson residents are the primary recipients of food, and yet it's important for the Hawleys to be able to give outside that boundary as well. In the fall, there is a large amount of produce that can go far and wide. The Hawleys purchase frozen & canned meats. About 20% of food is designated for people outside of Carson on a regular basis.

It's important to make known to the community that donations are sporadic, and consistency helps. Food and money donations go to Feeda, where Hawleys buy the food. There are over 300 agencies in northern NM. Hawleys save money and cover expenses, as they want to keep the operation debt-free. They started the food bank for free, and donations started coming from inside Carson. It's even better when they come from outside. A donation can be a viable solution without direct exchange between \$ and food. The CCA could create a pantry for an emergency mobile food bank, where food is moved fast and nothing is stored. New people to the food banks are briefed about the no-resale rules. The Hawleys contribute their gas, vehicle use, and time, and also serve as a safety net for the Food Bank. It costs them roughly \$40-\$50/week.

To address the confusion around the average number of recipients at the Food Bank, Richard explained there were recently 25-30 "units", (set amount of food for x number of people, evenly distributed). They feed people on the mesa in conjunction with Ben Billings, who joined with the Hawleys when the other food bank closed. Hawleys need to report the age, sex and ethnicity of the recipients. Their goal is to reach as many needy people as possible. Including 3 Peaks, they estimate approximately 225 people are reached. The books are available as public info.

**Road to CCA Community Building:** Art knows a man with a grader who would grade it for about \$170, but we really need to put in pit run to cover the big rocks. Who will determine cost for screened pit run? Was it Art?

## **Miscellaneous:**

Saturday, 9/13, 1:00 pm, the new County Floodplain Administrator & GIS Tech, Brian Cribbins, will be here to address questions regarding the 911 locator and rural addressing system.

**Art will follow up our letter a month ago with a call regarding the problem curve in Hwy 567.**

**EGB will mail the tax-exempt thank you letter to Zekes for their contribution to the fair.**

**Treasurer reported we have approximately \$1700. We recently donated \$100 to the Santo Niño Food Bank. We opted to donate \$100/month to them for the next 4 months. The Food Bank needs to repair or buy a new cooler for meat, as well as replace tablecloths. This would help significantly.**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:30.**