

## MINUTES

### LUCERNE VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (LVEDA)

TUES, APRIL 4, 2017 -- 5PM -- SENIOR CENTER

Meeting called to order 5PM. Minutes approved, moved Richard. Second Marie.

Attendance taken. Introductions.

Treasurer's report: March collection \$54.00, balance \$8477.82. Reporting completed to CA and IRS for 2016, total income \$11,227.03.

Cong. Cook (Jay Simpson filling in for Dakota): AHCA -- Cook not ready and undecided. Committed to repealing the ACA. North Korea just placed back on list as sponsor of terrorism. Proposed budget has \$30 billion increase for military. Townhall call had 4700 respondents. Comments made about BLM and DRECP, the impact on the desert, and the necessity of keeping access to minerals for mining.

Sheriff's report, by Sgt. Siebert: working on leads on bank robbery. Call if there is any info. or email at lsiebert@sbcisd.org. Lots of credit card skimming going on, esp. in BBL. Check banking information every couple of days and watch transactions carefully, online or 800# on back of card.

Obernolte report, by Chris Scott. Bill to increase gas tax 12 cents per gallon, diesel fuel even more. Funds will likely not be used for transportation. Obernolte has put out a bill to budget transportation fixes without raising taxes. Water hauling bill wording was convoluted. Obernolte is working on it to straighten it out.

Sen. Fuller and Jim Schooler: Not present.

Third District report: Molly Wiltshire no longer a field rep, but is now chief of staff for Ramos. She will interview new rep. for us and JV. Senior Center has a fire inspection fee of \$505, and Ramos office said that Third District would pay for it.

Schools report: Per Jim Harvey: Enrollment at 700, down slightly from beginning of the year. Explained new rubric for assessing schools. Color coded. English Language and arithmetic two areas with no improvement. Working hard on these areas. Looking at authorizing a second charter school that is heavy into workforce preparation programs. Lucerne Valley School District Education Foundation now officially approved and can go out for grants. LVEDA contributed \$500 for foundation bank account.

MAC: Betty Munson next meeting will report on Scenic 247

Chuck Bell reported on visit by two county supervisors last Wednesday 3/29, Hagman and Janice Rutherford. Bill Lembright set it up. Now all five supervisors have visited the valley and seen the sites. We need their support on moratorium on solar.

Peter Day of the Leader. Report on status since he wants to retire. Two years ago Daily Press was purchased by conglomerate. Editor could no longer lay out his own page, including Peter's ability to do the paper. Has made life more difficult and now he has decided to leave the Leader. Hopes to

leave by the end of school year. Someone must replace Peter, and he recommends it be a local if at all possible.

Question to Peter: What will it take to keep the Leader alive, with local news? New publisher is a gal who has been there for about a year and should be involved in any conversation. Also Steve Hunt.

Bob Smith: working for Connie Conway for Senate, to replace Jean Fuller who is termed out. Election November 2018.

Students from Cal Poly, by Lorrie Steely. By May LVEDA, there will be a video giving their presentation. Sunshot project due March 17. Main proposal to Dept. of Energy 3 Megawatt solar power production, using batteries. Met a new company called RC Cubed that has \$25 million available for energy production.

Adopt a Highway: LVEDA has the section of Hwy 18 from Meridian to Highland. Orientation will be in Fawnskin. Volunteers are Chuck, Dave Rader, Linda Gommel, Lorrie, Jan Morosco. Also Dean Steely, Jerry Byars.

LVEDA website in the plans, to be done by Jim Harvey. Chuck will funnel items to go on the website. Agendas, letters, minutes, etc.

Solar moratorium request heard by Spvsr Ramos and joined by other communities.

Hauled water legislation working its way thru legislature.

Mega Swap Meet on Saturday, May 6. JV will have their Cinco de Mayo celebration.

Meeting adjourned 7:06PM.