LUCERNE VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

April 7, 2021

Meeting called to order 5PM.

**Minutes** approved.  Moved Debbie; Second Dave Rib; Approved

**Treasurer’s Report.** Dave Rib reported. March 3 collection $221. Gave $50 to Moose Lodge. Balance $11,602.34

**Sgt. Weinberg of Sheriff’s Office**. Gave stats. Still 200 marijuana grows in the County. Always working the grows but life-threatening situations take priority. Be sure to contact local sheriff with reports of situations they might be unaware of. (Note: Current data shows we could have over 200 in LV. Spreading out all over the desert areas).

**Mike Mumford of CHP via Chuck**. Marijuana water haul impounds continuing (only 2 recently) but they are short officers and so are limited due to heavier Spring time traffic on interstate highways, etc. plus relaxed Covid restrictions.

**Congressman Jay Obernolte, by Shannon.** HR 263 on federal savings committee – create reductions in federal spending by eliminating nonessential and underperforming federal programs. Eliminate programs that aren’t working. Joint resolution 32 on balanced budget amendment – outlays not exceed the amount of money they bring in every year.

**Senator Grove.** Written report submitted by Dominic Heiden. SB39 requires EDD to cross reference apps for unemployment benefits with those who are incarcerated. SB287 exempts horse trailers from commercial license. SB348 requires veterans’ home closures subject to approval of task force. SR5 ends California’s State of Emergency and returns proper legislative authority to the legislature.

**Third District Supervisor Rowe, by Mark.** County going into orange tier. Ages 16 and above are all eligible for vaccinations. Getting lots of calls from LV why County is not maintaining roads. Many not eligible for maintenance. Need to go through a County Special Districts process to get road included as a maintained road. Re marijuana: 25000 acres to track. Showed drone pics to Code enforcement. Saw that they could use some CE regulations and violations to shut down some of the growers, like illegal grading. Supervisors looking into beefing up CE, which is totally overwhelmed. More revenue coming from increased property values. Newsome is supposed to open up the state June 15. (We are soo lucky).

**County Fire.** Brett Marshall, Captain. To get burn permit go online to SBCfire.org, Quick Links in the burn permit tab. Click on the link and fill out the form. Listed some of the rules and conditions involved in burning.

**Peter Livingston for LVUSD.** Peter reviewed again the strategy of the school to reopen as much as possible as soon as possible. LVHS & MS is reopening in late April. LVUSD is one of the first to take these steps and push the envelope for reopening. There will be an outdoor graduation, similar to last year. Enrollment now up to 872. We are the only school district in the state that is growing – yet the state won’t fund said growth.

**LV Museum** by Chelsea. There will be a caravan to Chimney Rock on April 24, along with a presentation telling about it. Meet at the park at 8:30 AM.

**Realtor’s report** Edie Downs: Interesting and significant stats about home values rising but still very attractive in comparison to down below and other urban areas. Many people wanting to relocate away from the big city. Inventory of houses for sale is very low, and consists almost entirely of houses that needs fixing and would not qualify for financing. Inventory of vacant land also very low, as buyers look for places to build, or “farmers” look for places to grow their stuff. Local realtors may not know who the buyers are – can’t ask what vacant parcels would be used for - can’t discriminate among buyers. 30% of home sellers in Calif. are moving out of state. Lot of RV’s parked on LV parcels being lived in – a violation unless have a building permit and in process of building a residence.

Small marijuana grows are raided much more that big ones. (Low hanging fruit).

Jason Hansen of HELP described charitable activities and food give-a-ways here and our eastern communities. HELP now is a 501c3. Will help with our Disaster Preparedness Plan.

Chuck said that we will be getting a road project list from Caltrans as part of our effort every 2 years to update our County/Caltrans road list. We did hear that the speed limit on Hwy 247 from the 4 way stop past the fire stations will be reduced to 45 MPH per our request. Apparently passing will still be allowed in that stretch.

Red Cross, etc. will be on the May agenda.

Meeting adjourned 6:26