LVEDA

LUCERNE VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (LVEDA)

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Meeting called to order.

**Minutes.** Approved Selby. Second Schultz

**Treasurer’s Report.** Collection 4/2 was $115. Paid Senior Center $400 for Sept 17 – April 19. Balance $3484.24.

**Sheriff’s Report.** No report.

**Cong. Cook by Dakota** HR 2305 re credit unions and loans for small business. HR2481 re Goldstar families benefits taxation relief.

**Assemblyman Obernolte** No report

**Third District.**  Mark had conflict. No report. (First Dist. Supervisor Lovingood’s rep. Don Holland attended).

**State Senator Shannon Grove** No report.

**Mojave Water Agency.** No report.

**Schools.** Enrollment 773, up 100 students over last 2 years. STEM lab for elementary schools doing well. Certified for AVID program. FFA dinner next Monday, 5PM. Tickets $10. Graduation soon. Expanding charter school relationships. LCAP on website is now open.

**Workforce development** – intended for people who don’t go to college. Panel discussion. Peter Livingston Superintendent of LV School District; Molly Wiltshire and two others from SB County Workforce Development; Ken Larson, Principal of Learn 4 Life charter school; Mitsubishi Steve Tyrell; and Matt Wells involved in programs to help people develop skills and become eligible to hire; Linda Gommel from Lucerne Valley Market and Hardware.

This was a presentation of the issues of unprepared labor force, unprepared for various reasons, and the many programs available for government agencies and private agencies to help people pull themselves up and out of their situation so that they can become productive member of society.

Plenty of lively discussion with the attendees.

Following is contact info. and which entity does what:

County Workforce Dev. Dept: Reg Javier/Molly Wiltshire (Assist. Dir.) – 909 387 4460 – Molly.Wiltshire@wdd.sbcounty.gov. S. B. County Economic Dev. Agency – (and) Workforce Dev. Bd.: Sal Monica -760 552 6533 – salm@wdd.sbcounty.gov

Fed funded to state and county – connect business with workers. On job training funds – business consulting – staff recruitment – facilities for recruitment – layoff prevention services – business workshops – labor market info. Advertise job opportunities – human resources hotline – careet planning – individual counseling – placement services – on-job and vocational training – personal coaching and mentoring – writing resumes – interview techniques – dress for success – career assessments – job searches – computer workstations – internet access – job leads – referrals to partner agencies. 64 businesses in LV – talked with a lot of them including the Market. Labor shortage/not a lot looking for work.

Mojave Desert Career Pathways: Matt Wells – 760 247 8001 (20811) – MATT.WELLS@MDCAREERPATHWAYS.COM.

9 school districts focused on high quality Career Tech. Education to produce top-notch individuals equipped to continue career pursuits while being assets to local industry. Work-based learning opportunities – including teacher externships – student internships – job shadowing – tours of industry facilities. Agreements with VVC and Barstow CC. Align curriculum and relevance across member districts. Teams with Mojave Desert Economic Partnership.

Ken Larson: Principal at charter schools – klarson@innovationhigh.org – and County School Bd. member.

3 charter schools at risk – “at opportunity students” – not for high school credits – find out ‘what they like’ and teach professional skills – carpentry – electrical – plumbing – attire – politeness – retail – cash register work – if graduate have a solid job – ‘jobs are here” just need more connections.

Steve Tyrrell: Mitsubishi Cement Maint. Sup – styrell@mitsubishicement.com

Hi Des. ??? Council – direct resource – small businesses – mining – General Atomics in El Mirage – SCLA training center – produce skilled labor – work with VVC and Barstow Col. Teachers have to teach what’s needed. How to get talent – expose and energize with jobs and businesses- field trips – internships, etc.

Peter Livingston: peter\_livingston@lucernevalleyusd.org: Some leave after get trained – H. S. has FFA – auto shop – adult ed. – computer ed. – food handling – and adding nursing and cadet (work with military).

Linda Gommel/Bill Lembright – Lucerne Valley Market and Hdwe.: Little if any success with public agencies – entry level work and need to train H. S. students – min. wage too high for small rural businesses – can’t afford to pay all days off - too much ‘red tape’ – weaknesses are poor writing/math/attendance/attire/etc. Better off with older workers. Need more bi-lingual.

Meeting adjourned 7 PM.