LUCERNE VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Sept. 8, 2021

Meeting called to order 5PM.

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

**Treasurer’s Report.** Dave Rib reported. June 2 collection $115. Gave $30 to Moose Lodge, Balance $2765.90.

**Sgt. Weinberg of Sheriff’s Office, by Det. Pangburn**. 12 trucks impounded by sheriff. 100 grows identified in LV. 0ne of the five marijuana teams is assigned specifically to LV. Target is water trucks so they can’t grow. Much Q&A from audience. How to report what we see. How to stop businesses from selling water to the growers. A: contact MWA. Not a law enforcement issue. Chuck Bell and others working with MWA to come up with a strategy. Not county-caused - but a state of CA issue.

**Sgt. Kee of CHP** Promising leads on traffic collision that got the four girls but cannot go into detail due to the damage social media does to cases. Case is active. Thursday to Monday sent extra officers out here, Helendale, Spring Valley, Phelan. Friday in LV: 11 stops, 6 tickets, 1 impound, 1 unlicensed driver. Described the many issues officers have to deal with, and the grounds by which they can stop vehicles. A licensed trailer, etc. has to have a full water tank before can be stopped for weight violation – even if it is known to be overweight when full by virtue of size.

**Assemblyman Smith, by Miriam Munoz.** Working on Marijuana issue, even though it doesn’t seem like it. Have a coalition to work on this. Sent letter to Governor along with Grove asking for ‘special session’ to submit a bill changing illegal cultivation to a felony. Hoping for participation from some Democrats since it is a bipartisan issue – especially environmental damage. Re: mandatory vaccination etc. Office was flooded with calls and letters against AB 455 and another one. Good to get this kind of feedback and helps them represent us.

**Congressman Jay Obernolte, by Chuck Bell.** Obernolte trying to get DEA more involved to work with the County, but not much progress to report.

**Senator Grove by Dominick Heiden.** Vaccine mandate bill came from a different bill that was gutted and contents replaced with vaccine stuff. Dems are killing good bills and pushing bad bills. One bill passed today to further restrict parents’ right to know what their kids are doing medically (abortions, sex change, etc). Need a Texas type law to protect the unborn here. Working on various angles of marijuana issue, including State Water Resources Control Board. Holding their feet to the fire to take responsibility for the water situation here. Three agencies were working on cannabis issues have now been consolidated into one, but head of the new agency wants to expand legality of marijuana.

**Supervisor Dawn Rowe, by Steve Reyes,** replacing mark Lundquist representing. Re: new ordinance just passed for code enforcement. 9 citations issued and 121 open cannabis cases. Abatement ordinance will go before the board in October. 5 new Code Enforcement officers supposed to be hired with new funding. Chuck asked about Dawn Rowe’s suggestion that she might work with Sup. Hagman to get the CA National Guard to help our sheriff’s department on marijuana issues. Reyes will follow up.

**Peter Livingston, LVUSD.** Enrollment this year 990 compared to 890 last year. Sacramento is not listening or funding according to enrollment. The funding is not following the kids, and LV is growing because of superior service to students, but not getting funding for it. Dealing with virus. Dashboard on the website. Very few cases, and when there is one the kid is isolated.

**County Fire** by Pat Fleckenstein. 9/11 will do a flag raising ceremony at 9:11. Stats: total calls for August 113. Fires 12 medical 89; traffic collision 6; misc. 6. Because all medical calls go to hospital by ambulance, there are days when there are no ambulances available. New equipment on engines called autopulse that has made recovery from heart attack much better. Having trouble filling shifts in LV. When can we burn? Probably a couple of months but it’s up to CalFire. Drastically short staffed.

Chelsea La Grange for LV Museum. Presented 2nd edition of the LV History book. Working on displays relating to stories in the book. Open first Saturday of the month.

Roadrunners working on a town cleanup. LVEDA planning for Adopt a Highway work, Hwy 18 from town up to Meridian Rd. Need volunteers.

Thanks to Charlie McGee who has made the LV Leader much better. Thanks to Peter Day for videoing the town Hall meeting.

JV Octoberfest coming Oct 9.

Town Mega Swap Meet October 9.

Jim \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Mitsubishi announced 70 guys from Mitsubishi have been through extensive first aid training, to help with long response/travel times of ambulances. Each one of the 70 has a medical kit with amazing equipment and materials. Very helpful to the community!

Meeting adjourned 7:15.

