

LUCERNE VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION  
April 4, 2022

Meeting called to order 5PM at Moose Lodge.

**Minutes** approved. Moved and approved. moved, Chelsea. Chuck second.

**Treasurer's Report.** Collection March 7 -- \$137. Gave \$25 to Moose Lodge. Balance \$3095.93.

Sgt. Weinberg of Sheriff Dept. New detective is Mike Dekeryl . Deputy R. Smith and Christie Carol back at our station. Stats presented by Capt. J. Martinez. Warned that we should call them and not do anything without deputies. More growers planting again. \$2.7 million cash confiscated. Progress about halfway through the list. Per Sgt. Weinberg: Please use WeTip and don't put Chuck Bell on the spot by calling him. If you want stats updates, give email address to Chuck who will send out.

Mike Mumford of CHP introduced Captain Johnson. Discussed how they are using their commercial teams to stop illegal water trucks, trailers and vehicles. Was asked about the double yellow line on Hwy. 18 all the way to AV – with just a short passing line in the 'wrong' location. Will look at the location of the passing lane for safety.

**Congressman Jay Obernolte**

Hayden Bartz for Congressman Obernolte. Reported on new wind test towers constructed in the north part of Johnson Valley w/o public notice and information from BLM. Re: gas prices and inflation: J.O. is working on reopening domestic oil production to avoid importing energy from other countries. Fighting to lower federal spending to address inflation. First bill was to address wasteful spending. Bipartisan bill HR7138 to protect against foreign agents tapping into our smart devices around the house. Complaint about our USPS closing the lobby keeping people from getting their mail.

**Assemblyman Smith, by Miriam Munoz.** AB 1638 Gas Tax Relief got killed by Dems. Prop 64 repeal failed – made former felonies only misdemeanors. 916-319-2024 CALL TO support AB2728 to increase fines for illegal cannabis farming. AB2421 authorizes county counsel to file civil action relating to unlawful water pollution and diversions due to unlicensed cannabis cultivation. AB2223 that decriminalizes infanticide – LVEDA presented a letter in opposition and passed it around for signatures.

**Senator Grove, by Dominic (absent)** His written report:

"First, please let me extend our deepest gratitude for LVEDA sending seven letters of support in response to legislation introduced by Senator Grove! This truly goes a long way to showing that our local communities are engaged and care deeply about the issues.

SB's 1042 (related to human trafficking), 1073 (disabled veterans property tax exemption), and 1319 (foreign oil) will be up for committee hearings this week. Anyone who feels strongly about these bills can reach out to me for details on how to call in to the committee hearing and voice your position on the bills.

Some of the concerning COVID-19 bills in the Senate are getting delayed, which could be a good sign. Senator Grove will continue to fight any bill that takes away a person's right over their own or their child's health decisions related to the vaccine.

As always, please let me know if anyone has any problems with the DMV, Franchise Tax Board, Employment Development Department, or any other state agency so that we can see what we can do to help.

**Dawn Rowe, our Supervisor. Years ago we were fighting industrial scale solar.** Board of Supes voted against any new ones. Some older ones filed prior to the moratorium are grandfathered in. Some would be allowed to move locations but the community would have to be consulted and involved. One of those – Sienna Solar originally filed on the south end of Lucerne Dry Lake - is moving eastward with a revised application. Dawn presented a map showing its new location. (This project will require an EIR). Call this number 909-884-4056 to report illegal grows. Call Sacto on AB 2728. County EHS has a list of recent permitted wells – but has difficulty in finding or prohibiting illegal wells. Go to their website. Under the County abatement ordinance -- big fines for noncompliance. 75% compliance in the County. Redistricting at county level gave Dawn 10000 sq mi compared to 3900 before.

**Peter Livingston, LVUSD.** Brought 3 members of school board (Chelsea/Jason/Jim). Board Resolution against vaccine requirements. Ignoring state directive about start time at 8:30. Discussed LCAP goals – quality education; graduating prepared to enter college or workforce; positive school climate. CTE career programs – lots of interest. Many not going to college. FFA program. Auto shop. Cadet Corps program for military pathway. Health career pathways. Restaurant occupations program. STEM pathways program. Keeping class sizes low. Counselor starting today. Career advisor. Technology upgraded. Every kid has a Chromebook. Will be 10g capable by summer. District is growing and has added 8 classrooms and will add 8 more. Sponsoring 6 charter schools, 10,000 students. Enrollment from 669 (2015-16) to 984 currently.

**Museum Ass'n by Chelsea La Grange. Open the first Saturday of the month. Saturdays are work days.** Field trip to Blackhawk landslide. April 30, 9AM - meet at Santa Fe Rd.

Donna Soria introduced Jim Conkle, publisher of The Pulse, a new paper for the High Desert. No daily news weather or politics or sports – many ads. Will talk about communities, culture, and history.

Angie Smith of Hunter Harbor Resource Center for Public Health. Acquired the old LV Domestic Violence Shelter. Need the support of the community.

Announcements.

Easter egg hunt April 16.

Jason Hansen trying to raise funds for an emergency response organization called Help our Disaster Response. Three concerts on the docket. First one is at Homestead Valley Park in Landers May 21.

Adjourned 6:55.