LUCERNE VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

March 3, 2020

Meeting called to order 5PM.

**Minutes** approved.  Moved Rib.  Second Donna Soria

**Treasurer’s Report.**Feb. collection $94.  Reimbursed for batteries $21.53. Balance $5380.34

**Sheriff Siebert.**Crime stats.  75 new grows in LV.  500 in County.  Call the local station for issues etc.  15 local grows in LV have been busted in 6 months.

**Joe Brady of Bradco, Victorville.**  Read the needs assessment done for Crossroads Senior Community by Gobar & Assoc.  Promises to read it in next few days, summarize it, and get back to us.  2. Joe is frustrated about the state of the economy up here.  Dr. John Husing got Joe together with a gal who does surveys professionally and conducted a survey of the residents to find out what people think is wrong here.  Rec’d 13,047 responses.  Results will be presented at an event this spring.  #1 issue on people’s minds is crime.   Response is significant, showing much interest and engagement in issues.  Written comments came out to 480 pages.  Go to Highdesertsurveys.com to find out about this event on May 28.  3. Core data statistics showing the fall of economic activity in HD since 2005.  Q: What is the deal with the name “Mojave River Valley”?  A better, more attractive image for High Desert, with similar boundaries to Mojave Water Agency.

**Chris Scott for Jay Obernolte**.  AB 2206  would allow local govts to recognize CCW permits from outside CA.  Cities and counties should have that capability.  AB2613 to waive a fee for veterans to get a better designation on drivers license.  AB2535 would retire the no. of Prop. 13 so that it cannot be used on future propositions for disinformation to voters. Q: Chuck Bell asked if there is a possibility of designating focus areas for allowing hauled water.  Yes, might be worth a try.

**Shannon Grove**.    2203 bills have been introduced this session.  Surplus in budget of $5.6 billion.  Governor has ideas to spend $4 billion of that.  SB806 would repeal and replace independent contractor legislation.  Backup bills in the works in case 806 doesn’t pass.  Trying to pass a bill that removes horse trailers from same category as major truckers.  Survey out on this subject.  Chuck will email out. CSSRC.US/issue/85.  Grove apptd to Governors military council as a female veteran. An audit of state lottery came out recently.  Lottery has failed to provide the $36 million to education that is required by state law.  Participated with Trump’s visit to Central Valley on the water situation.  Monitoring coronavirus situation, working with health agencies.

**Third District by Mark Lundquist.** Addressed petition recently circulated that put on the ballot to limit supervisors’ pay to 1/3 of present and make them only part time.  This will be on the November ballot.    Re Code Enforcement: people are angry at the failures, but they are training new people, and they are subject to strict laws and regulations.  Air Bnb’s are proliferating and trying to do it underground, to avoid the new ordinance that tries to control them.

**MWA by Jim Ventura**.  Talked about water projects, funding, how money flows.  Oroville Dam repair will be very high cost.  Rampdowns continue.  5% last year.  Probably again next year.  Chuck recommends MWA get the judge to visit out here to see who/what he’s ramping down. Could make a difference to his attitude.

**LV Schools report**by Jessica Risler.  Working to get funding from Sacramento.  Collaborate with other small school districts.  Wed. 4pm 3/11 barbecue at high school open to everyone.  Aware of coronavirus.  Enrollment up to 848.  Is there a change in the basis for funding disadvantaged schools?  Need superintendent to answer that.

Chuck Bell: send information for the paper to Kay Lovato.  She’s getting things in the paper that are given to her.  It’s up to us to get her the information.

No one stepping out to help with the animal hoarding going on in LV.  They will accept money, food, other donations.

Pat Flanagan: Several organizations requested from CARB for air monitoring equipment in areas where there are big solar projects.  This is an environmental justice issue.  There is a new agency for this as part of Dept. of Justice.  State Attorney General attuned to issue of environmental justice and is on the counties to get their acts together.  SB County seems to be stonewalling the issue.

Is there a way to feed into one entity all of the events of the community to coordinate events so they don’t conflict.  Send event info to lvmoose096@yahoo.com.  Debra Lynn Myers.

Household hazardous waste March 21.

Honorary Mayor events starting.

Museum announced the sale of 450 books.

Meeting adjourned 7PM