LUCERNE VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

November 1, 2021

Meeting called to order 5PM.

**Minutes** approved.  Moved and Approved

**Treasurer’s Report.** Collection Oct. 4 was $105.26 and gave $20 to Moose Lodge. Paid insurance $500. Balance $2762.16.

**Assemblyman Smith, by Miriam Munoz** AB 1138 binds $30,000/day for aiding and abetting illegal cannabis growing, to be enforced by the Att’y General. Sheriff’s deputies will do what they can to help. Re making it a felony vs. just a misdemeanor: Assemblyman Smith is working on that. Working on 12 bills, but not until January. Newsom copped out on the climate change conference in Glasgow (and now we have a good hunch why. . .)

**Congressman Jay Obernolte, by Shannon.** DEA funding not looking good on federal side. Shannon is leaving to work for Desert Valley Hospital.

**Senator Grove, by Dominic.** Brought the text of bill 1138. Signed into law. The challenge is the interpretation with regards to water haulers. SB287 clears up licenses for recreational trailers, so they can get a regular license instead of a commercial license, but does not go into effect until 2027 so DMV could update systems. Bill regarding EDD fraud SB39. California Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund is in debt to the Feds by just under $25 billion. Has to be paid back by an extra tax on employers starting in 2027. CA refuses to use some of the cash surplus to reduce that debt.

Big win for Sen. Grove against an amendment that would transfer renewable energy permitting from the counties to the state. She personally contacted almost every legislator to convince them that this would remove control from locals and put it into the hands of clueless bureaucrats. She stopped it. Three other bills: vote-by-mail ballots distributed to everyone; ban on gas powered lawn mowers, generators, and leaf blowers; allow judges to grant probation for repeat offenders with drug-related crimes.

**Steve Reyes for Supervisor Rowe** – talking points submitted by Steve Reyes (thank you!)

* Abatement ordinance went to the Planning Commission on October 21 and it was approved and no date to the Board of Supervisors.  No word yet as to when it will be on the BOS agenda.
* Had a coordination meeting with Bighorn Desert View, 29 Palms Water District, Code Enforcement and the Sheriff’s Department.  Marina West has pulled approximately 17 water meters and 29 Palms Water district is trying to follow suite.
* Code Enforcement Recap: Total Open Cases: 709 Notice of Violations:226 Citations Issued:92 Citation Amount Total: $132,000
* How many CE officers will now cover the desert region?  Specifically for MJ enforcement is 5 (Supervisor plus 3 officers and one 1 office staff)

There isn’t a process in place to allow MWA to comment on the issuance of a well permit. However, EHS recently implemented a new practice where they notify MWA when a well permit application is submitted and when it is issued. Because a well permit is ministerial, agency comments wouldn’t have any effect on the process because as long as the proposed well meets all legal requirements, it must be issued. It isn’t a discretionary process like a Conditional Use Permit

**Peter Livingston, LVUSD by Jason Hansen.** Boardmeeting this month Tuesday 11/9 5:30PM. Enrollment steady at 980 students. Passed resolution on vaccine mandates at the last board meeting, and seeing other districts up and down the state. Several questions and discussion about the traffic control and hazards around the schools.

**County Fire.** Stats for the month. 136 calls. 4 structure fires. Stolen vehicle fires. Lots of problems with marijuana grows. Policy is to not go into marijuana grow unless it’s a structure fire or trailer. Accidents on 247 keeping them busy, esp. Camp Rock and 247. Need permits for burning. Weeds allowed. Trash not. Open fire pits for cooking do not need permits. South of 247/18 is administered by the State. North of those roads is administered by the county.

**Museum Ass’n by Chelsea LaGrange.** Museum cohosted the Halloween Tailgate with Roadrunners. An event coming up on the 20th at the museum, Stories Under the Stars. Everyone telling their own stories.

**Jason Hansen.**  569 answers on social media to his questions regarding what is needed in LV.

1. Drug addicts running around
2. Reckless drivers
3. Driving too fast
4. Running stop signs
5. Trash dumping
6. White supremacy
7. Widen Hwy 18 to 4 lanes
8. Reckless water trucks
9. Pot farms
10. Progress in town; more jobs available.
11. More restaurants and fast food
12. Stray dogs

Announcements

Mike Mumford is working with Caltrans to figure out the double yellow on Hwy 18 and illegal passing.

Stagecoach Solar. 2000 acres out on Lucerne Cutoff. Under state jurisdicion on state lands. Will bring with it the Calcite substation. And 3 other projects.

Town Cleanup. Looking for volunteers. Maybe Thanksgiving week when kids are off and can help. What organizations or businesses can send volunteers?

Donna Soria – See’s candy available at the bank as a fundraiser for CofC. Lighting of Christmas tree on Strawberry Peak coming soon.

SB County Patriots, org. from Big Bear Lake. Want to have representatives from many communities to go around, knock on doors. Protest Stand for Freedom against mandates, in favor of personal choice.

Adjourned 6:40.