

MINUTES
LUCERNE VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (LVEDA)
Monday, January 30, 2022 – 5:00 PM – Moose Lodge

Meeting called to order at 5 PM at Moose Lodge. Flag salute.

Minutes approved. Moved by Debbie S, seconded by Donna S.

Treasurer's Report. Cynthia: Collection November \$166. Gave \$80 to Strawberry Peak fund; \$60 for attendees' burgers; Gave \$26 to Moose Lodge. Paid Chamber dues \$50. Rec'd donation from Edie Downs of Lucerne Valley Properties of \$1080. Balance \$4328.93.

SHERIFF: Sgt. Weinberg. Marijuana grows coming back. There is a new captain who's been here about 10 days. Trying to get him out here next month. Stacy Parks now Public Information Officer and may come next month to talk to us. CHP will do their water truck thing against the growers; a couple of deputies are wannabe CHP guys and are big on writing traffic tickets. Turn in anything you know about location of grows. Five deputies attending briefings but are still on training for 3 more months. Sheriff's Dept. is trying to hire, but incredibly difficult to find guys. Should get one more body in Lucerne Valley. Anne Roark brought up the question of severely misbehaving psychotic homeless. Bottom line: there really is nothing we can do. Always call dispatch so they have a record of the types of calls that are coming in, plus how many.

CHP. Capt. Johnson. Stats 1923 crashes in 2022, 154 of those in LV, 12 of those fatalities. Has 4 new officers but still in training. One officer comes to LV and has other areas to cover; doesn't take accidents so he doesn't sit in an office writing reports. No chance of convincing Cal Trans of fixing the no-pass on Hwy. 18 between LV and VV.

THIRD DISTRICT SUPERVISOR: Dawn Rowe. AB 205 vs. Resolution 410 The State has passed laws that trump the County's resolutions, allowing placement of renewable energy projects where the county has prohibited it. Stop signs: they will be going up all over the County as part of a settlement of a lawsuit regarding a fatality in an uncontrolled intersection. Well permitting: Newsome issued an executive order under Environmental Health Services. Need to appeal to Assemblyman Lackey to reverse the state's opposition to hauled water. SeeClickfix San Bernardino is an app available to both Android and Apple. Re: street vendors

CONGRESSMAN OBERNOLTE: Hayden. First thing the new Congress passed was to defund the IRS' new 87,000 agents. Obernolte introduced the Obernolte Balanced Budget amendment. Debt ceiling is so out of control that the interest alone will surpass the tax revenue to pay it down. Trying to reopen domestic energy production.

Assemblyman Lackey, by Pamela Balch, District Director. Lackey is a trained special education teacher. Was with CHP for 28 years. Has lived in the desert his entire life; born in Boron. Part of leadership of republican caucus. Has several committee assignments, most of which he's Vice chairman. Nominations being taken for First Responder and for Student of the Month. Need nominations by Feb. 3. Will help with state agencies, like EDD, DMV, etc. A caucus called "Problem Solvers" to come up with common sense solutions to issues like all of the rain water escaping out to sea due to our dereliction of duty to collect it.

Code Enforcement. Ignacio Nunez. County provided additional funding for the cannabis unit. Went out with Sheriff on Operation Hammerstrike. Also changed some ordinances that allowed CE to clean up abandoned grows. Got 8 property owners to abate their own properties. Saved almost \$100,000. 250 cases at start; still have about 85. Keeping an eye on areas around Camp Rock Road and other areas looking for regrows. List of burned out buildings given to Curtis (local rep for CE). What constitutes legal and illegal residences?

SB County Fire. Dan Munsey. County agencies working well together. Kelly Anderson, Ass't Fire Chief for north county area. Worked here as a firefighter so knows the area. Raised in the desert. Changes coming to State Responsibility Area. Proposed to change some of the Fire severity, hazard zones. Major changes for this area: South of 247 and Hwy 18 from moderate to high or very high. Johnson Valley area changing from moderate to no hazard. They used to use inmate crews, but no longer available. Crews earn money clearing rights of way for utility companies. Calls they respond to: homeless calls when sheriff can't. Fentanyl drug overdoses. Be sure to get prescriptions from proper pharmacies. Carry Narcan as an antidote but a limited amount. Brush and structure fires. They go in teams of three. Only one fire engine with paramedics available for this large area.

LV SCHOOL DISTRICT School Board presented report. Enrollment up to 1067, 10% up from last year. A new principal at LVHS/MS. Letter written to Gavin Newsom re our objection to adding the "vaccine" to the whole list of vaccines required to attend public school. Letter went viral up and down the state.

L.V. MUSEUM Need support for their project to restore indoor displays in the Community Center, 25% on north side of building. Chuck will send a letter to Spvsr Rowe supporting this project. Donna will consider support from LV CofC. Pam of LV Youth Outreach will support.

Chelsea LaGrange and Jason Hanson are trying to get fireworks back, but costs \$40,000 that must be raised by May.

Pam :Christmas for 250 kids with money they raised.

Adjourned 7:21.