

MINUTES
LUCERNE VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (LVEDA)
Monday, Nov. 27, 2023 – 5:00 PM – Moose Lodge

Meeting called to order by Acting Chair (Dave Rib or Chelsea LaGrange), at 5 PM at Moose Lodge. Flag salute.

Minutes approved. Moved by Bryn Risler. Seconded Frank Francis

Treasurer's Report...Cynthia Skjerve. Collection Oct. 30 was \$126; balance \$4551.27.

Sheriff's Report, by Sgt. Weinberg. Mountain lions – don't shoot them. In trouble with federal gov't. More discussion of the pigs wandering around. They are in the Code Enforcement system, as a violation. Shop with a Cop. They get \$200 and then shop with it while accompanied by a cop. If we know of a candidate family, send information to Sgt. Weinberg or Chuck.

CHP Report, by Captain Johnson. Citations (through October 31): For the greater Lucerne Valley Area: +53% over last year. For the Victor Valley as a whole: +59% over last year. Unfortunately, the crash count data base still has a small glitch and I don't want to give you inaccurate stats. (Capt. Johnson now retired.)

CODE ENFORCEMENT by Curtis Stone. (No report)

THIRD DISTRICT. Steve Reyes Justice 40 is a federal initiative. Chuck: It applies only to south side of highways 18 and 247 in the Severely Economically Disadvantaged portion of our community. Public safety community meeting on 11/29 in Joshua Tree. Dawn Rowe will be there. Richard Selby commented about bad information coming from the County's Land-Use consultants on building issues, making work on them almost impossible.

CONGRESSMAN OBERNOLTE: Hayden Barth. Bipartisan legislation called Hold Act. Brings cost of donating organs to be cost neutral to donor. Up to now, an organ donor has to pay costs associated with the procedure. More bipartisan legislation to manage quantum computing and artificial intelligence. Would prevent people from inputting malicious programming to give you bad results. Voted in support of getting aid to Israel because it came out of money set aside to pay of 87000 new IRS agents. A lot of grants and federal funds available to our county if we request it, but has to go through the State first. Work with Obernolte office.

Assemblyman Lackey's office. Iris, local representative. Legislation to penalize people Re SB 1383 about handling food waste. Pam has a guy in Sacramento that is pushing to amend this legislation to make it more doable. Art contest for kids. Dec.12 at 5PM at the Apple Valley Town Hall.

LVUSD by Peter Livingston. Honored all veterans that work in the LV School District. Each one rec'd a \$1000 bonus. Creating a video to be shared on a national basis, with a committee that will present the video to legislators. Enrollment 1120, up 10% from last year. Dawn Rowe and Board approved of customized observatory space. Setting up a 4-H in LV. Just got word they will get \$198,000 grant to support career tech programs. Charter schools also showing solid growth of 10%. Has added 20% to our school district budget. Q. Do we have a robotics program? Have had it but teachers hard to find. First Robotics program is geared to high school. Peter wants to know more about it. Always fighting to retain local control and to prevent the state from shoving harmful stuff down their throats. Financial literacy coming to back schools, and also cursive writing. Expanding school bus routes to areas closer to schools. Have two electric buses now, and grants to buy more buses. Situation improving, says a parent who lives in one of the areas.

LV Museum. Chelsea LaGrange. Museum getting a facelift and will be closed for a couple more months. Mitsubishi tour had a good turnout. Website www.lvmuseum.org.

Idea about creating a local radio station for those of us who don't use social media. One person volunteered to help out, especially for the feature that would help in disasters. Wants to place digital signs around town that would offer news or emergency updates. Also proposed creating a community internet that could possibly provide free internet for locals. Dave Rib encouraged a contact to make a presentation to LVEDA in a future meeting.

LUCERNE Vly C OF C. Angie Miller Christmas tree lighting Saturday, 4-6PM at LV Self Storage. Several organizations giving away beverages or other stuff. 5PM will be the countdown.

Chuck Bell's issues. Road issues with County and Caltrans, with only very slow and small progress made. Activity on Rancho Lucerne property. Letter posted on a sign with tentative approval of a tract. Hard to find out what's behind it. Chelsea has heard that it will be developed as planned, back fees have been paid, so development can move forward. More discussion. Possibly to keep it 'alive' until they find a buyer.

Have a meeting in December? Decided to skip December meeting. Last Monday of December is Christmas Day.

China House will stay open possibly, stay involved possibly with a new crew. Owner wants to return to Taiwan (just in time for the invasion by China).

California Republican Assembly wants to set up a group in Lucerne Valley or invite us to participate in the one in Big Bear.

Roadrunners are having a drawing for a 50"TV and entertainment center. Hygiene gift bags for low income people. Toy collections various places in town for its Christmas toy give-away..

Chelsea: starting fundraising for fireworks early. Drawing for a quilt that pictures farm puppies.

Meeting adjourned 6:50pm