

**MINUTES**  
**LUCERNE VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (LVEDA)**  
**Monday, April 29, 2024 – 5:00 PM – Moose Lodge**

Meeting called to order at 5 PM at Moose Lodge. Chaired by Debbie Schultz. Flag salute.

Minutes approved. Moved by Dave Rib., seconded by Chuck.

Treasurer report.. Collection March 25: \$92. \$20 to Moose. Balance \$4722.27.

**Sheriff's Report**, by Sgt. Weinberg. Working on vehicle thefts and chop shops. Marijuana will be coming back. Keep our eyes open. Found a couple of indoor grows already. Letter from Sheriff Dicus regarding letting Death Row inmates mingle with the regular prison population when the facility is not as secure as it should be. Discussion of FLOCK cameras. Citizens may buy them and set them up but can't connect to Sheriffs' cameras without County approval. Q: how many deputies for marijuana task force in our area? About 10 guys. 3 guys scout each side of freeways. Other 4 guys do paperwork. Do not use aerial surveillance looking for marijuana grows. Will note it as they happen to see it. Look out for thieves of communication wire. Email Weinberg with heads up about stuff [dmiweinberg@sbcisd.org](mailto:dmiweinberg@sbcisd.org).

**CHP by Capt. Todd Kovaletz. 140 tickets** for assorted violations. 42 crashes this year. Incident on Clark Rd. Guy was convicted felon, charged with felony hit and run, possessing a firearm.

**Code Enforcement** Paul K. Report by Chuck. Curtis no longer in our area. Paul Klinessmith now in charge. 275 open cases in LV. Doesn't include cannabis enforcement team stuff.

**Congressman Obernolte** by Hayden Bartz. Since budget passed, more legislation will come out. Critical Resource Task Force to find, develop and use rare earth minerals and other resources and be free of using other countries' resources. Fight CARB act and stop the govt from banning use of diesel engines. Preserving Vehicle Choice Act to keep State from banning internal combustion vehicles. Obernolte voted for one portion of foreign aid, that for Israel. He did not vote for aid to Ukraine and others due to deficit spending. Finding Federal Savings Committee resolution to weed out unnecessary or dead programs. Wants to develop domestic oil production – cleaner, cheaper, faster than buying it on the world market that doesn't have our environmental safeguards.

**THIRD DISTRICT. Steve Reyes** by Chuck Bell. Veterans Admin in Joshua Tree second Wednesday each month. Do we have veterans that want them to come to LVEDA?

**Assemblyman Lackey's office by Iris.** Bad bills: the insurance crisis. Prices will go even higher, but some agencies will come back to help out. Portantino gun bill – SB1126. Walk out of store with a purchased, registered, unloaded gun would be a violation. SB 1434 Increase 55% in unemployment benefits. A separate program for those who don't qualify for UI benefits, funded by a new tax on employers. SB1116 UI taxes to support striking workers. **SB1345** Prohibit consideration of conviction history of potential employee. **SB2751** Prohibits employees contacting other employees outside of work hours. **AB2200 Forces all Californians** into untested state government health plan. Eliminates Medicare for seniors. (Note: the full list of "bad/ridiculous" bills was in a Market Commentary subsequent to the meeting.)

**LVUSD** by Peter – AB2711 by Ramos. Prohibits school system from suspending a student for drugs or alcohol until third offense. CTE programs: Ag and natural resources; Manufacturing; Transportation; Hospitality, Tourism and Recreation. MOU with Apple Valley Parks and Recreation to provide day care for younger children. Charter school to set up a program for student athletes to earn up to 10 high school credits. Sets up physical training regimen for the kids. Input can be sent to the school district on the website on LCAP survey. Lucernevalleyusd.org. Enrollment numbers: Was 697(2015-16) now 984 (2024). Goal for classroom size is 24:1 teacher

**LV Museum. Chelsea:** Putting in new displays. Donations from McDougall family which preserves a lot of LV history.

**Parks and Rec. Chuck.** LVEDA supported grant for shades and misters with questions on how much water will it use? How much wind can it withstand? Maybe organize a parks advisory committee.

**Big Bear Health Van. Ryan Orr.** Marketing Director for Bear Valley Community Hospital. Hope to get going in the next 2-3 months. Hope to provide complete health services eventually. Most likely spot is at the Market which has power and outlet for it. Met Dr. Melvani who is glad they are coming. Will start with primary care and hopefully develop to do blood draws and x-rays.

Basketball and baseball leagues. Baseball is over but they will do fall ball. There were 90 kids involved.

**Wildflowers, by Bill Lembright.** Superbloom in Johnson Valley along Highway 247. South end of Visalia and Sutter intersection. North field at shopping center. Little Tahiti south of Apple Valley. Hercules Finger. Sawtooth Campground in a canyon south and west.

New solar application, by Harold Keese, who rec'd notice as a close neighbor. Chuck: 40 acre parcel 6.5 Megawatts, north of elementary school. May 14 is deadline for feedback, and LVEDA will respond. Removing native vegetation. Upwind from high school. Supposedly a community solar project. Most residents on CARE program so they might not be able to benefit from this. How will they handle the rate issue? Ask for the opportunity to meet with the applicant to discuss project and its economics.

**Chris Gubler.** Operates the orchid greenhouse on Rabbit Springs Rd. They are trying to put in a community solar project with battery storage behind greenhouses. Trying to make sure the community benefits, makes rates lower. Pull permits in October. Chris will keep in touch with LVEDA as it develops. Need to "go green" to satisfy the big customers like Kroger and Lowes.

LVEDA's highway clean-up segment. Will try to pick a date in May for cleanup. Focus on center of town.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: Angie Miller.** On the Honorary Mayor campaign, finale is June 8, a chili cookoff. Fireworks events have raised a lot of money, but now they need sponsors. Mitsubishi just donated \$5000.

Chuck: LVHS scholarships at FFB collecting money right now.

Sheriff Dicus will be at July 29 LVEDA. Also State Senator Bogh who may become our next State Senator. No meeting in May due to Memorial Day.

Adjourned 6:51.

