

MINUTES

LUCERNE VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (LVEDA)

Monday, January 27, 2025 – 5:00 PM – Moose Lodge

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

Minutes approved. Moved by Bryn Risler. Seconded

Treasurer report. Collection--\$30. \$20 to Moose. Deposited \$10. No checks written. Balance \$4515.19.

Sheriff's Report Sgt. Joe Necochea jnecochea@sbcscd.org. Calls since Nov. 1033. 34 arrests. 111 reports 791 calls for service from dispatch. 242 calls for service from deputies. Station is down 8 bodies, with trainees on the way. 4 more for our station. 69 traffic stops – 9 crashes.

Code Enforcement: The current open caseload for Lucerne Valley is 303 – Last report November 2024 indicated 281. An Increase of 22 open cases through November to date. I'm working on determining if in the last reports I missed a parcel number or what we call 'blanks' cases open without an address or City ID. The reporting feature of our case management system is still in the development stages with the vendor. I'm also working with our media department to provide a better format to report significant case closures for LVEDA members and attendees for February's meeting.

THIRD DISTRICT. **Steve Reyes** Dawn Rowe Chairman of Board another 2 years. More information about Rancho Lucerne but need time to digest it. Community solar: press release by P.U.C. that needs some interpretation. Chuck: Rancho Lucerne still being worked on by County.

Animal Control subject of discussion. Policy of Animal Control is to leave abandoned animal 15 days before they will pick it up. Inhumane to the animal. Need to change that to 72 hours with penalties against the owner. Need to confine an animal that attacks other animals or humans 72 hours and get tested for rabies. Change the rule to fine an owner after third citation for uncontrolled animals. Sgt. Necochea will make contact with Animal Control to deal with these issues. Statutes are county by county with some recognition of state guidelines.

Chuck suggests a joint email from CofC and LVEDA to Dawn Rowe proposing what John Miller suggests re stricter rules and stronger enforcement.

If these animals come on your property, you have a right to defend your property and your livestock. If you have to shoot an animal and you do it safely, call the sheriff. Deputy will do an investigation, and if you're not a convicted felon and can own a gun, you'll be ok.

Congressman Jay Obernolte. **Corrine Mora** (New representative). 119th Congress. Energy and Commerce committee, technology committee. Trying to get Adelanto prison facility that is empty to be used to detain illegals. CARB withdrew application for waiver to be able to pass regulations requiring electric vehicles and locomotives due to pressure from congress. No longer an obstacle to the Barstow railyard expansion.

Iris: Office of Assemblyman Lackey report: In addition to wildfire recovery initiatives, the Assemblyman's recent committee assignments position him to address a range of important issues. He

now serves as Vice Chair: Arts, Entertainment, Sports, and Tourism Committee - Public Employment and Retirement Committee - Rules Committee.

Member; Budget Committee - Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on Climate Crisis, Resources, Energy and Transportation - Public Safety Committee – Transportation Committee. Finally, we are actively drafting our legislative package and plan to finalize it at the end of February, more details on proposed bills will be shared as they develop.

We remain engaged and committed to addressing the immediate and long-term impacts of the wildfires and advancing initiatives that strengthen our communities.

Sienna Solar by Jennifer Jackson. Still in conditional use permit process. CEQA process. Working toward final EIR. Chuck says they are cooperative and working with LVEDA and other officials.

County Fire, North Desert Battalion Chief John Miller: Medic Engine 8 had a total of 115 calls for the month of December. Medic Ambulance 8 ran a total of 105 calls. The majority of these calls were medical aids, but the station did respond to 23 fire-related calls. Fire station 8 did participate in the Spark of Love Toy Drive this year. The community's generosity did allow for 180 children in Lucerne Valley to receive toys this year. We appreciate your continued support in the community.

LV Museum by Chelsea LaGrange. Working to have a docent to be able to open at least once per week.

LVUSD. Report sent in by Peter – presented by Chelsea. Report sent in by Peter. Current enrollment remains steady with growth for this year at about 1,175 students. This is continued growth from last year and past years.

Our High School Girls Basketball team has won their 4th straight Agape League Championship. They have 35 straight League wins over the years and will be getting ready for the C.I.F. playoffs. Great work to them!

League finals for Wrestling will be hosted by our high school this Wednesday. This year we have several top wrestlers who have looked very strong that will move on during the C.I.F. tournaments. Our new Wrestling coach is building a strong program and now starting it in our Middle School too.

Our high school band, choir, photography and arts programs held a great performance in December. The program continues to grow and take part in community events.

Our tennis courts at the High School are being resurfaced. The new courts will be state of the art courts that have both Tennis and Pickleball incorporated into them. Our P.E. teachers are excited and our students are too.

We are exploring a partnership with CalFire to raise goats we lease to them that funds our FFA program and allows the goats to be used by them for fire clearance. This is truly in the implementation phase and there is interest from a lot of people. Expect to see more news on this if it truly becomes feasible! We do have state people looking into how this could work.

Long Range Transportation Plan: Our highways are not even mentioned in the long range plan. Need to work on that with County people. Chuck sent comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Angie Miller. Honorary Mayor race. Fundraiser for Chamber of Commerce. Candidates put on events and raise money for CofC. Highest fundraiser wins. Deadline to sign up is 1/29. Kick off is Stew-off at Moose 2/15. Business baskets at FFB. Businesses create baskets to raffle and to raise funds. Quartermania. \$20/person. Fundraiser for Fireworks. Feb. 8.

Humanity. Started Zoomba class. A couple of classes each week. Also do a ministry side. Give out free diapers and take donations of clothes and other items.

247 intersection. Chuck. A mess. Cal Trans is making itself look like fools.

Community Improvement Plan. Chelsea/Chuck. We need to bring up the community plan and look at the 2007 plan and update it to what it is we want for our community. County still has the 2007 plan on their website. Copies available on internet. County of SB; Land Use Services; Community Plans; Lucerne Valley.

Adjourned 6:30pm.