

MINUTES
LUCERNE VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (LVEDA)
Monday, March 25, 2024 – 5:00 PM – Moose Lodge

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

Minutes approved. Moved by Frank, seconded by Debbie.

Treasurer report. Dave Rib. Announced appt of Cookie McWilliams to be Treasurer. Collection Feb. 26 was \$94. \$20 to Moose Lodge. Chamber dues \$50. Bal. \$4650.27.

Sheriff's Report, by Sgt. Weinberg. Last week hit a place on Foothill with 480lb finished Meth.

CHP by Blake Voegele, Investigator – Sgt. Weinberg – CHP Capt. Todd Kovaletz: Recovered 16 stolen vehicles so far in 2024. Three chop shops hit in LV – 2 south of 18 – 1 north. Only 4 uniformed (car theft) officers for entire region. John Miller spoke in favor of using license plate cameras to collect more data to help the cops. Will do fundraisers for Sheriff's Dept to raise money for the cameras. Sgt Weinberg will check with County to get ALPR cameras (automated license plate reader). John wants to post banners on private property "Welcome to LV. We support our law enforcement." (Need to be sure signs don't require County permits). Discussion of various camera/security systems. Captain Kovaletz of Victorville told how one of the systems raised the apprehension rate on freeway shootings from low teens to 73%. 112 tickets in LV; 27 crashes, about same rate as last year. Commercial truck enforcement increasing to once/week. Progress on no passing lanes on Hwy18? Not yet. Will ask Caltrans again and engage Assemb. Lackey's office if need help.

Curtis of Code Enforcement. New complaints about vendors again. Will address first part of April. Once a complaint is made, how long before action taken? In LV, it's about 2 weeks. Manufactured homes now allowed in SB County. Also single wides, and mobiles over 10 years old. Complaint about dumping manure on Northside between Harrod and Barstow Rd. Complaint about people erecting 8' fences (6' is max legal), parking travel trailers, sinking water tanks for septics – illegal land clearing – etc.

Congressman Obernolte by Hayden Bartz. His focus is on the military, A.I., Science and technology, and the budget. Free the energy market -- produce, refine, and purchase oil here in U.S. Countries we now purchase oil from: Venezuela, Saudi Arabia, Russia, none of which are friends to U.S and not environmentally produced. Highest rates of industrial power in the nation, and State doing nothing about the inadequacy. Fusion Energy Act: Safe, secure production of energy, a process without nuclear waste and large water use. (Testing being done now – won't be commercial for years). 988 Security Act – Suicide hot line. Minibus legislation on budget. Obernolte voted for it as a first step toward fiscal responsibility. Large cuts in discretionary spending. No cuts in military salaries. Finding Federal Savings Committee: are programs still needed? Fulfilling intended purpose? And imprudent use of funds or corruption? Must deal with spending now before major programs like defense or Social Security have to be cut.

THIRD DISTRICT. Steve Reyes report by Chuck. Could we get county Veterans Administration to come to LVEDA – assuming veterans want or need a presentation. Special Districts (our Park and Rec.) is aware of our interest in sports.

Assemblyman Lackey's office – Iris submitted written report. Assemblyman Lackey has 12 bills that have begun moving through the legislature spanning a variety of subjects such as public safety, transportation, health, etc. Highlighted AB3083, AB2645, AB3197. Other bills of interest: good bills AB1809, AB1874. Bad bills AB2220, AB2535, SB960. (Detail emailed to LVEDA list after the meeting).

LVUSD – Chelsea. Current enrollment 1145 students. Hiring teachers. Over 11000 in charter schools.

Spring sports have now begun. Tom Courtney named Small School Districts Board member of the year. Chuck: LVEDA letter of congratulations to Tom.

LV Museum. Chelsea: Working on sheds for train engine being donated by Mitsubishi. Event at community Center 6PM. Steve P. Mojave Desert Historical Society wants some place to put Roy Rogers Chuckwagon. Interested? Yes.

Can You Dig It? Equine Assistance Psychotherapy by Sandra. One therapist on board and another will work through them. Horses (and animals) have a way of reading people by body language. Not horseback riding. Chamber mixer/Grand Opening April 27, 3- 5 PM. 501C3. Will have demonstrations on May 4.

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 for it. Any other good locations like schools, etc.?

Budget for CSA 29 – Chelsea: We need to use the facilities being offered in order to get a return on the very large investment shown on the budget. For example: Easter egg hunt will be at LVHS since the park didn't have funds to trim the trees (safety issue for kids). An issue coming up?: Why should we pay to use the facilities when we pay the taxes that support CSA29 – the baseball league has to help maintain the dirt field, etc.? (Deposits for some uses make sense).

Library: Astronaut (Buzz Aldrin) donated money to set up grants for rural areas to put in a telescope and astronomy-related projects. Sierra Luna engineering firm worked with County to do this by the Library.

LVEDA's highway clean-up segment. Chuck got some help organized and needs students from Helping Hands to do cleanup – hopefully in April. Ashley will help to get volunteers from Specialty Minerals.

Does LVEDA want to help donate money toward cameras on the road? Yes. Maybe we can get grant money?

LV Chamber. Angie Miller. Lots of calendar items. April 6 car show for fireworks. April 27 for Can You Dig It Ranch. Various Honorary Mayor events. June 1 Mega Swap Meet.

Adjourned 6:51.