

MINUTES
LUCERNE VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (LVEDA)
Monday, June 24, 2024 – 5:00 PM – Moose Lodge

Meeting called to order at 5 PM at Moose Lodge.

Minutes approved. Moved by Debbie Schultz. Seconded by Frank Francis.

Treasurer report. Collection April 29 \$162. \$142 deposited 4/30. 4/29 reimbursed Debbie Schultz ck# 1219 for \$95.88 for Web Domain registration.\$20 to Moose. Balance \$4768.39.

Sheriff's Report, by Sgt. Weinberg. Being reassigned to main station in Adelanto. New Sgt introduced. A burglary. Recovered \$120,000 in stolen vehicles. Three in custody A lot of classic vehicles. A few grows getting busted but not nearly as many as a couple of years ago.

With population increasing, crime is increasing. We just got a second deputy assigned to LV. Lieutenant over the area said a few words. Regarding response time: there will be deputies added to VV Substation, which will help response time. Travel on dirt roads slows response times. Will reorganize the beats for the area but will need new deputies to be trained and put in place. Sgt. Weinberg will work up a plan with Angie Miller to increase security, so she can distribute it to other businesses. Angie and Chuck are trying to put together a request to appropriate parties to get some license plate cameras for LV. Do we have a COP program? Yes. Only 2 vehicles left. If more people would join there would be more vehicles available. Michelle Zumstein of Johnson Valley is working with Caltrans on the cameras and on a COP program as well. She can work with us on these issues.

CHP by Capt. Todd Kovaletz. Re license plate cameras: lots of logistical issues and hoops to jump thru. Recommends FLOCK system. Will help all he can. 215 citations. 170 moving violations. 60 crashes YTD. Truck inspections will resume since officer back from a special duty. Cliff Reed asked about the frequency of people passing over double line in town. CHP down 1000 officers statewide.

Code Enforcement. Removal of two Boats and junk and trash by Edison – Desert View on Edison Property (Code Enforcement coordinated with Edison for removal of the boats and the junk and trash in the area) Removal of Stripped RV dumped on Foothill Rd and removal of boat dumped on Meridian Rd were arranged by Sheriff's Dept. Ex-deputy Laura in Sheriff's Office has learned the paperwork to get rid of inoperable vehicles on or off the roads, or in open fields of private property.

Congressman Obernolte by Hayden Bartz. NDAA or Nat'l Defense Authorization Act. Obernolte had significant input since our area has the largest number of veterans and active-duty member of military. Obernolte is trying to make sure that military makes more than minimum wage in CA. A lot of our bases are rural and lacking in shopping and other conveniences other bases enjoy. Hold Act would compensate people for donating organs, which would address a critical shortage. Would like compensation to pay for expenses to make the cost net zero.

CA Seeking a waiver from EPA to require railroads operate electric locomotives that aren't even available at this time, nor are they viable. If EPA issues the waiver, he will investigate the EPA. The attack on 2nd amendment: With illegal immigration out of control, we are in danger without free access to guns.

ICE processing center in Adelanto not being used since Covid due to obstruction by CA. Jay votes for funding to Israel since it's our ally pre-Oct. 7.

THIRD DISTRICT. Steve Reyes by Chuck Bell. LV Observatory at the library completed and will be up and running by July 27th. Community Cleanup July 27, Saturday. Will include tires and household stuff too big for transfer station. We will need Steve's help on the issue of cameras.

Senator Grove by Octavius Scott. We are in a deferred area without official state senate representation. We will be included in 19th District. SB1414 solicitation of a minor passed first vote but got watered down. Would change this from misdemeanor to felony for all ages of children. Two candidates running to become our senator. One candidate will be here at July meeting. Maybe can help with license plate cameras.

Assemblyman Lackey's office by Iris. SB1434 (unemployment hikes) will die. SB1345 Can't use the info. of a convicted person in hiring process. Likely will pass. AB2200. Single payer health care. Gov't health insurance, illegal to opt out. Bill will die. Bobcat Fire payments for losses will not be counted in income taxes, Chuck: we still need information on Johnson Valley solar project which is making fantastic promises that will never be kept. CA has made a pathway to circumvent County regulations by going directly to State.

LVUSD by LV School Board. HS graduation was 54 seniors. Summer program with AV Parks for elementary school kids. Very successful. Extending it 10 days. Upgrades of both sites continuing. New playground areas and soccer areas. Fixing tennis courts. Projecting enrollment growth for next year.

LV Museum by Chelsea LaGrainge. Will complete deck renovation for safety. Making room for railroad engine. Will be open to the public soon. Will restore old fire engine.

Observatory at library. Dr. Hernandez, former NASA, donated observatory. The first of its kind. Should be running by end of July. Evening of August 3 unveiling with lots of VIPs in attendance – M.C.'d by Chelsea's father.

Caltrans meeting in JV, attended by Chelsea LaGrainge. Shoulders widened to serve as an extra lane which has reduced fatalities. Massive improvements being done on 247 from Camp Rock Rd. to Landers. Caltrans will install flashing stop signs and rumble strips and reduced speed signs. Caltrans unaware of necessity of turnouts in order to ticket slow drivers for accumulating a line of cars.

Big Bear Health Van. Ryan Orr. Bear Valley community health care district. Health van now in their possession. Now need to do programming and get staffing, licensing certification. Will be sponsoring fireworks. **Bvchd.com** -- take a survey to let them know our needs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Angie Miller

Highway Cleanup collected 48 heavy bags of trash. Maybe we should issue pickers to businesses to keep their areas clean. Fireworks this coming Saturday June 29. 4th of July parade will be on the actual day. BBQ party at the Park afterward. Mitsubishi donated a pig that will be raffled, and also a beautiful propane grill, smoker, etc. New honorary mayor: Brenda. Wants ideas for a project to accomplish during her term of office.

Adjourned 6:51.

