

**MINUTES**  
**LUCERNE VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (LVEDA)**  
**Monday, Feb. 26, 2024 – 5:00 PM – Moose Lodge**

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

Minutes approved. Moved by Chelsea, seconded by Debbie.

Treasurer report. Dave Rib. Collection Nov 27 \$157 balance \$4668.27. No collection in January.

**Sheriff's Report**, by Sgt. Weinberg. Huge grow at Willow Wells was removed. CCW program still rolling. Get one before state changes rules. Yes, you can have CCWs from more than one state. To carry a gun in a car, it must be in the trunk. Please keep reporting grows. Need APN #, address, or even cross streets. Recall Gavin Newsom is being started up again.

**THIRD DISTRICT. Steve Reyes.** Public safety community meeting this Wednesday, with sheriff. In Joshua Tree. Steve to find out if we can we have a similar session at LVEDA – along with a visit with County Vet. Admin. for our vets?

**COUNTY FIRE FP5 and upcoming vote. Measure W on the ballot.**

**Congressman Obernolte** by Hayden Barth. Trying to get a better map from BLM that shows solar projects. Open for public comment now. From Obernolte's newsletter: *The EPA recently released its final rule to substantially tighten the national ambient air quality standard for particulates. #CA23 (includes Lucerne Valley) has the second-most cement manufacturers in the United States and this rule will have a devastating effect on this industry – not just in our district, but across the country. The rule will impose significant costs on domestic cement producers and force construction companies to purchase more affordable cement from overseas manufacturers where environmental standards are lower than those in the U.S., making global air quality worse, not better.*

Go out and vote! Mail in ballots OK. If you need help with a federal agency, the office is there to help. Where are we with immigration? Obernolte wants to be sure the current laws are enforced. Financial help to Ukraine OK if fiscally responsible with supplemental funding.

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**Assemblyman Lackey's office** -The Legislative Analyst's Office is now projecting an even higher budgetary deficit of \$73B -Budget sub-committees start meeting this week to discuss our best path forward. We will have a better idea of try numbers with the Governor's May revision of the budget but we should expect cuts across the board. Asm. Lackey is authoring a bill sponsored by San Bernardino County that will allow for law enforcement agencies to have access to automated license plate reader cameras positioned throughout the state for the purpose of finding missing persons. This will be extremely helpful in improving Amber Alert outcomes. -AB 2645. We are approaching the deadline for amending spot bills so we will know the full universe of the Assemblyman's bills and what the Legislature will be contemplating this year in just a few weeks.

The Assemblyman loved attending the King of the Hammers and is already looking forward to next year. A highlight for the Assemblyman was starting several races and riding with event coordinator Dave Cole in his off-road vehicle on part of the course. He was very impressed with the coordination and cooperation between County, State and Federal entities. We are happy to announce that Brooke Novaselec, from Lucerne Valley Elementary, was awarded a 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon in the 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade category for the Assemblyman's Student Art Contest. We will have the application forms and rules out in August for the 2024 contest and hope to see more outstanding art from Lucerne Valley.

As always if anyone needs any help with an issue involving a State Agency, please don't hesitate to contact me at 760-539-1341 [Iris.Gutierrez@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Iris.Gutierrez@asm.ca.gov) or Pam at 661-267-7636 [Pamela.Balch@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Pamela.Balch@asm.ca.gov)

**LVUSD - Peter:** Equity grant qualified by LV because 70% of students qualify for free lunch. Re State deficit – we are spending money for programs that are not in the budget which is making the information coming out unreliable. Now have 1147 students. Last year 1055 at the end. Seems to be transient population making enrollment up and down. Challenges to teachers as student mix very volatile. Kids moving can't read well – affects test scores. Charter schools up 10% also. LV School District will not spend unbudgeted money. \$4.5 million revenue earned through charter school programs. Boys' soccer team conference championship. Ditto Girls' basketball team, and they are undefeated. State giving money to upgrade gas lines to schools, when governor is pushing us to go all electrical. Issue of electric vs. diesel buses. Range only 80 miles – not sufficient for small districts/rural areas/trips for sports, etc. Electric buses are burning up and not performing well. High School graduation May 30. LV scholarship fund donations at FFB. Science camp in Big Bear fiasco due to requirement for chains. Hired Ebmeyer Trans. to take them up and had to ask Big Bear school district to take them over Onyx Summit since their buses had chains. Science Fair March 12.

**LV Museum.** Chelsea LaGrainge. Moved all of their stuff around in the yard to make room for new items. Need to make room for a railroad engine being donated by Mitsubishi

**Ryan Orr and Evan Raynor of Bear Valley Healthcare District.** New mobile rural health center. Want our permission and cooperation of community stakeholders. Primary care, wellness care, pediatric care, and more. Operate telemedicine services in several areas and connect to appropriate specialists. Want to provide comprehensive care. 40 ft. - state of the art facility. Need to have van licensed by the state. Team of providers to work in the van. Probably best at market lot with elec. hookup. Maybe at a school?

**Youth basketball Johnny Navarro** – grew up here, graduated from LVHS 2001. Park and Recreation youth basketball league, to provide youth sports for kids up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Will help school sports if we can train kids in the fundamentals of the sports before they get to the high school level. There are coaches in LV who travel to other communities because we don't have sports here. Asking for nothing but awareness. Maybe CSA29 can have an agreement with school district for games. Need volunteers. Start up this year May June July.

**Youth Baseball. Buddy Shea.** Lived here 2 years. Hates that our beautiful park sits there unused. Needs donations. Working on 501C3. Just got approval for LLC. Opening day March 23. Will play makeup games that won't count against the season. Come out Wednesday night and every kid will get the workout. Needs sponsors and volunteers. Wants to be a farm league for the Middle School. Lucerne Valley Baseball League is the group. You can join it if you want. Ages 4-6 T-ball. 7-9 Machine Pitch. 10-12 for fast pitch.

Chuck: LVEDA has a highway segment on Hwy 18 to do litter cleanup. Need volunteers and "Helping Hands" school kids. Needs to be done soon. Need to work with Caltrans about the deteriorating pavement between LV and Apple Valley.

Hazardous Waste collection March 23.

**LUCERNE Vly C OF C.** Angie Miller. Honorary Mayor race from now until June. Three candidates. Needs to have ideas for where some organization can donate new items where most needed. Scott Gasper and LV Fireworks committee. Car show coming up. Not necessarily a money maker yet, but a community event. Entry fee is \$20. April 6 at LVHS. Quarter Mania earned over \$5000.

Lions Club: Pig barbecue March 3. Also chicken and beans.

Meeting adjourned @6:53PM.

