

MINUTES
LUCERNE VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (LVEDA)
Monday, April 24, 2023 – 5:00 PM – Moose Lodge

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

Minutes approved. Moved by D. Rib, seconded by F. Francis.

Treasurer's Report. Dave Rib. Collection March 27, \$149, gave \$25 to Moose Lodge. Balance \$4656.93. Annual renewal of website hosting \$25 + domain at \$70.

SHERIFF: Sgt. Weinberg. Working on water related to pot growing – people illegally using water and lowering the tables. Keep coordinates coming to email. Have had computer issues lately – got hacked -- but will work them out. Dispatchers and deputies working with pencil and paper, using Thomas Guides. Sheriff copters not running – using the CHP's. Chuck: daily aerial views of grows from satellites – still need coordinates? Yes. Anything legal to own but in violation some way is a subject for Code Enforcement.

CHP. Capt. Johnson. Greater LV citations up 29% and crashes down 35% (Jan-April 2022-2023) High Desert as a whole crashes down 17%, citations up 50%. Goal is to change driving behavior to minimize crashes. Any news on water hauling to growers? They don't know where it's coming from, but they do check the details that they can. Produce trucks using Camp Rock and Northside Rds, but required to use state-maintained roads. Dumped vehicle in the middle of the road – who do we call? If in the road, CHP. If on the side of the road, Sheriff. More difficult to deal with if a non-maintained county or state road.

Assemblyman Lackey by Pamela Balch. Small Business of the month awarded to Lucerne Valley Market & Hardware. Assemblyman Lackey also recognizes everyday heroes (individuals). Forms available to nominate someone. Available for help with state agencies. Legislative update: all policy and bills proposed due by 4/28. Police dog ban passed the Assembly – still can be used for drug enforcement. AB56 victim compensation. AB 1368 Sexual assault forensic evidence kits. AB1544 Child abuse index to help children in the system.

THIRD DISTRICT SUPERVISOR: Steve. Open house at Joshua Tree community center Thursday, April 27. Flamingo Community 640 Glamping site denial by the Planning Commission being appealed to Board of Sups. Steve to help us get County Trans to install "no truck traffic" signs on Camp Rock and Northside Rds. Will help the CHP to enforce. Keep them on Hwy 247.

CONGRESSMAN OBERNOLTE: Hayden. House expected to vote on a bill to temporarily raise debt ceiling. Several bills consolidated. In exchange, pro-growth and responsibility measures included. Limit future gov't spending. Reclaim unspent Covid monies. Reduce federal overreach and anti-energy regulations. Should save 4.5 trillion over 10 years. Maintain strong national defense, protect Medicare and Social Security. Cuts spending across the board. Obernolte reaching out to Newsom to deal with the energy crisis in California. Natural gas prices going thru the roof. Much due to overregulation. Co-sponsored six bills to open up our domestic energy production and become energy independent. On Wed., Obernolte will be Speaker Pro Tem for the day.

Schools. Jason Hanson and Chelsea LaGrange. FFA banquet tonight. Awards and graduation coming up. High school seniors receiving gift baskets. Virtual academies award ceremony May 17. High School awards May 18. Elementary sixth grade promotion May 24. Middle school promotion May 25. High school graduation May 26. School board passed a resolution opposing Newsom's proposal to add HPV vaccination to required vaccines to attend school. Assemblyman Lackey (commencement speaker) wants to honor the valedictorian and other leaders, and also a new Champions Award for physically or mentally challenged student who is overcoming their handicap. Lucerne Valley scholarship fund collecting money at the bank.

Museum Assoc. by Chelsea. Had their outing to Chimney Rock. Museum open first Saturday of each month. May 27th a field trip to King Clone and WW2 bomb practice site.

Fireworks: Jason et al: Signed contract for the show at the park. Need to raise a few thousand more for insurance etc. County is on board to support. Rec'd \$4050 from Hammers. More large donations still coming in. Concern at cars parking on the highway around the park. Insurance and CHP require a solution. Hope to have parking at the store and transfer people to the park with a hayride or an Ebmeyer bus. BMX exhibition; classic car show, offroad show; 40 vendor slots. Beer garden by Jim Harvey. Results from fund raiser at LVMarket: \$700 on food sales; \$1345 for raffle tickets at LVM. Overall the BBQ giveaway brought in \$4000.

Chuck on SRA on south side of Hwys 18 and 247 – and pending work on the LRA (local) on the north side of the highways. County Fire Chief Dan Munsey is going to help keep us aware of hearings and other activities so we can maximize our input. –Hi-Grade wants to continue leasing state school lands. LVEDA supported that effort with a letter. Simple continued use of quarry without increasing truck traffic.

Chamber of Commerce: Angie Miller. CofC does an email blast on Tuesdays. Sign up with email address. Open for input for community calendar. Lucernevalleyevents@gmail.com. Chuck: need someone to monitor the conflicts when there are more than one good event on the same day.

Honorary Mayor candidate Richard Staffieri doing a fund raiser at the Moose Lodge 4/29, 4PM. \$15/plate. May 17 at Senior Center for a bingo.

Monitoring of everyone's wells? No. Just a (1 acre of water) fee on property tax bill for those who got well permits and drilled wells after mid-2022. A Watermaster issue. Not affect wells in place before then.

Mega Swap Meet June 3. Map passport to get stamped, turned in to CofC for possible \$50 gift card.

July 4 Parade: "The Spirit of Lucerne Valley." Will be on Tuesday, July 4. Fireworks Sat., July 1.

Pam: LV Youth Project doing a fundraiser for their various projects. Science camp, High School scholarships, sponsor kids to Disneyland, etc.

Bill's suggestions for projects. Letter to 3 gas stations to have generators on site for when power is out. Send Chuck addresses of owners of stations so LVEDA can send a letter or email. Need a list of people available to deliver groceries to those who can't get out of their homes – drive to dr. appts, etc.

Lions Club. Did a low cost pet vaccination clinic which went very well. Also did CPR training same day.

Cof C and Roadrunners doing Community Resource meeting last Saturday. Another coming in September.

Monday May 29 Memorial Day ceremony at 10am. **Next LVEDA May 22 since last Monday of month is Memorial Day.**

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