



August 16, 2021 Minutes

3:00 p.m. at Yucca Mesa Community Center 3133 Balsa Ave.

- Flag Salute
- Kim Abramson did the Roll Call - Toby Gramm, Betty Munson and Rick Sayers absent.
- Floy Creveling motions to approve the Agenda. Roxanne Shamay seconds. 7 in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.
- Jim Harvey says the June 21, 2021 Minutes are on the Homestead Valley Community Council website. Jim Hanley makes a motion to approve the the July 19, 2021 Minutes. Chris Nicols seconds. 7 in favor. None opposed. Motion passed. (See attached).
- Treasurer's Report given by Floy Creveling. Beginning balance \$11,959.09. \$19.11 income, \$14.17 expense. Ending balance \$11,964.04. Jim Hanley makes a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Adrienne Bishop seconds. 7 in favor. None opposed. Motion passed. (See attached).

1. Guest Comments - none.

2. SB County Fire – Chief Tuttle read the community statistics: Johnson Valley 2 fire calls, Landers 41 calls which includes Flamingo Heights, Yucca Mesa 36 calls. Today in Yucca Valley was a 3.0 earthquake. Website is: spcfire.org

3. SB County Sheriffs Dept –

- Sheriff McMann retired. Shannon Dicus is now Sheriff.
- In July, there was 1,850 calls which is normal for summer. 55 OHV calls.
- Please call Sheriffs station in Joshua Tree if there's an OHV problem or illegal cannabis problem.
- Four new deputy sheriffs to patrol the Morongo Basin unincorporated.
- Three new employees for the Morongo Basin. One sergeant and two deputies for Morongo.
- Please continue to send address of illegal pot farms.
- National Nightout is October 21, 2021 at 6 pm. There will be swat vehicles and statistic displays. And things for children to play on.
- Marijuana teams have been making raids.

4. 29 Palms MCAGCC – Kimberly Pope says the Shared Use Area in Johnson Valley will be closed October 22 - November 1, 2021. The labor day event in Landers was approved.

5. State Senator Shannon Grove - Dominic Heiden says 2/3 bills will be heard this Thursday. SB 287, SB 348 will slow the process of closing the Barstow veterans home and SB 419 is seeking to utilize the oil company.

6. SB County 3rd District Supervisor Dawn Rowe - is getting weekly updates. Dan Munsey is doing a fantastic job. Mark Lungquist is retiring. Steve Reyes is Wonder Valley rep and is taking over Mark's job.

7. SB County Urgency Ordinance to Increase Illegal Marijuana Cultivation Fines - Dawn Rowe speaks. The county has allocated 10.4 million. A deputy will go with code enforcement. 272 raids have taken place. Hiring 5 new code enforcement officers. Code enforcement will collaborate with deputy sheriffs. During raids, tarps, 2 x 4's, pvc pipes can't be taken. Hemp is legal. Machine zaps the product and if it has above 3.0 THC, the deputies can get rid of it. Dawn Rowe introduces Marina West who is the general manager of Bighorn-Desert Water Agency. The Temporary Urgency Ordinance will be left in place up to a year. The DA Jason Anderson will prosecute the illegal pot farms. He will go after property owners. Day 1 - issues notice of violation, day 11- follow up \$3,000 citation issues, within 3 weeks, \$99,000 fine. Grading Ordinance is coming soon. Marina West says 105 notices went out to land owner. Dawn Rowe says Gubler's Orchid Festival is the first weekend in October. Jim Harvey talks about app on phone regarding illicit marijuana grows, grow or shop, APN #, click on link to find parcel.

8. Assemblyman Thurston Smith Letter to Gov Newsom Requesting A Special Session to Address Prop 64

9. Committees: No Report.

1. *Standing:* Public Outreach (Betty Munson)
2. *Ad Hoc:* Scenic Highway 247 (Betty Munson)

10. President's Report - Jim Harvey speaks.

11. Community Reports List – Announcements - Landers - September 4, 2021 is the Belfield Park fireworks. Gates open at 5 pm. Color Guard 7 pm. Rotary club will be there to sell beer. The Landers Open Air Market is from 4 - 8 pm at the Moose Lodge. There will be a band and food. The new alternate delegate is Judith Laffoon. The second Saturday of each month, the Landers Association has their craft fair. Kim Abramson says **Flamingo Heights Community Center** is having their food giveaway the third Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am, August 25, 2021. **Yucca Mesa Community Association** has two broken windows. No Mesa Fest this year. Planning a smaller event in September/October. Doing a membership drive. Next month will be the 60 year anniversary. Food giveaway at God#1 August 20, 2021 at 11:30 am.

12. Review Action Items From This Meeting

Next HVCC meeting: Monday, September 20, 2021 at 3:00 pm
at the Landers Belfield Hall, 58380 Reche Rd.

Adjourn