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## **AGENDA MAY 15, 2017 MEETING**

3:00 p.m. at Landers Belfield Hall, 58380 Reche Rd.

Flag Salute

Roll Call/Delegate List

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes of APRIL meeting included in agenda packet.

Treasurer's Report: Betty Munson

- 1. Guest Comments** on items not on the agenda
- 2. Election of Officers** We have an unequal number of delegates from each organization.
- 3. SB County Fire Dept** - Chief Mike Snow
- 4. SB County Sheriffs Dept** - Lt Mike Barta
- 5. CalFire** - Chief Tony Jones
- 6. Jim Schooler** - Field Representative from State Senator Jean Fuller
- 7. Review, updates on items we discussed with Supervisor Ramos Feb 20**
  - Scenic 247: Meeting April 20 - full report included in agenda packet
  - Homestead Valley Community Plan: no news to report
  - Hauled Water Ban: AB 366 and 367, lifting State ban, now in Senate committee.
  - Solar Moratorium: draft Renewable Energy and Conservation Element of the County Plan.  
Comment on [http://www.sparcforum.org/portals/174/forum\\_home](http://www.sparcforum.org/portals/174/forum_home)
- 8. Report on LV-JV and Morongo Basin MACs**
- 9. Committees:**
  - Fund Raising/Events (Joanna Wright) Comments from Council and guests about  
Poker Run on April 29. Notes for Events Chair next year.
  - Advisory-no meeting necessary
  - Public Outreach (Betty Munson)
  - Community Services/Improvements/Co-operation (Rick Sayers)
  - Scenic 247 (Betty Munson)
- 10. President's Report**
- 11. Action Items - Community Reports List - Announcements**

**Next HVCC meeting Monday, June 19, 3:00 pm**  
Johnson Valley Community Center
- 12. Adjourn**

## **HVCC DELEGATES / COMMITTEE LIST**

January 2015

### **INTERIM OFFICERS**

President: Joanna Wright

Vice President: Rick Sayers

Secretary/ Treasurer: Betty Munson

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

*Members appointed by the 4 HVCC Organizations, residing in the community they represent.*

*Up to 3 voting members from each community, plus alternate to vote in case of an absence.*

Adrienne Bishop	Landers	760-364-2345	
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Rick Sayers	YMIA	760-574-6598	rick@ricksayers.com
Roxanna Shamay	Landers	760-333-2707	shamay@inreach.com
Joanna Wright	JVIA	760-364-2207	henryspiano@aol.com

### **AD HOC COMMITTEES**

*Committee members not required to be members of the Council*

**Marine Base Expansion:** Chairperson: Amy Granat

Betty Munson, Michele Myers, Jim Harvey

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### **Fund Raising/Events:**

**Scenic 247 Committee:** Chairperson: Betty Munson

**Advisory Committee:** Presidents of the 4 HVCC Community Associations

**Community Outreach:** Chairperson: Betty Munson

Jim Hanley, Rick Sayers

**Community Services / Improvements / Co-operation:** Chairperson: Rick Sayers

Jim Hanley

## HVCC MINUTES APRIL 17, 2017 MEETING

Yucca Mesa Community Center

Open with Flag Salute 3:06 p.m.

**Guests signed in:** Lt. Mike Barta, County Sheriffs Dept.; Dennis Staley, Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency; Mike Hawkins, Friends of Giant Rock; Mary Coulombe, Floy and Gary Creveling, Derek Garvin, Chad Gomez

### **Roll Call/Delegate List**

Present, Adrienne Bishop, Ken Brock, Jim Hanley, Betty Munson, Roxanna Shamay, Joanna Wright.

**Agenda** Approved with change

**Minutes** of MARCH meeting - approved with change

**Treasurer's Report:** Betty Munson - approved with typo change

**1. Guest Comments** on items not on the agenda - none

**2. Election of Officers** - We still have an unequal number of delegates from each organization.

Each Council member please encourage more representation

**3. SB County Fire Dept** - Chief Mike Snow - unable to attend

**4. SB County Sheriffs Dept** - Lt. Mike Barta - 58 calls for service in March. 18 reports taken: one burglary report in Johnson Valley, three in Landers, one Grand Theft Auto and one arson report in Yucca Mesa-Landers area.

Discussion reporting an abandoned car and difficulties hauling it out in the Landers area.

**5. CalFire** - Captain Tony Jones - unable to attend

**6. Jim Schooler** - Field Representative from State Senator Jean Fuller - unable to attend

**7. Caltrans Highway Signs** - Caltrans now says, no signs to be installed except at paved roads entering the highway at a 90-degree angle. Jim Hanley ordered signs before, no such stipulation, nothing about JVIA being responsible for signs on the highway in Johnson Valley

**8. Scenic 247** - Sarah Kennington arranged a Scenic 247 Committee face-to-face meeting with Land Use planners on Thursday, April 20, at the Lucerne Valley Community Center.

**9. BLM Meetings** - Asking public input on proposed ban on OHVs entering County Service Area Roads maintained under contract with the County – meeting dates and contact info listed on the agenda.

Mike Hawkins of Friends of Giant Rock said roads in CSAs are paved, rest maintained by levy on property owners. The Small Tract homesteads have a 30-ft. easement on all sides of each parcel. The roads are on those easements. BLM surveyed and classified the roads, but they were built and maintained by the property owners. Now a group of people want to ban non-street-legal vehicles, the same ones we use to maintain many of the roads. This also would include people who haul their own water with a truck or trailer not registered for the highway.

The Morongo Basin Conservation Association has a letter on their website asking for this ban; refers questions to COW, California Off-Road Watch. The arguments are that BLM numbered Open Routes cannot be linked by the CSA roads. Hawkins said those who use these trails must go to these roads that were established in the easements as public rights-of-way by public use. Rick Sayers commented more damage done by street-legal vehicles.

Discussion how would such a ban be enforced? Lt. Barta answered they have way too many other problems that would take priority over this kind of thing.

Signage and education work well to overcome tv-induced attitudes how to ride out here.

Off-road regulations should apply to street-legal vehicles.

OHV enforcement grants come from green sticker funds; very limited. Intent is very heavy on education, people do not realize the problems they cause; tickets go to the blatant nuisance people. Citations do get written for vehicle code violations or trespassing. Properties must be posted for no-trespassing to be enforced.

**10. USMC Tortoise Relocation** - Marines response to questions asked in the March HVCC meeting included in the agenda packet. Thanks to Kristina Becker for getting the answers for us.

### **11. Report on LV-JV and Morongo Basin MACs**

-MB MAC - no report

-LV-JV MAC- will discuss the Scenic 247 Committee meeting with Land Use planners held just before the MAC

**12. Committees:**

**Fund Raising/Events** - discussed HVCC Poker Run, Saturday, April 29.

Check Request forms for each Association to attach to receipts for reimbursement.

**Advisory** - no meeting necessary

**Public Outreach** (Betty Munson) - notices to newspaper, radio, website promos for Poker Run

**Community Services/Improvements/Co-operation** (Rick Sayers) no report

**Scenic 247** (Betty Munson) meeting with Land Use Services discussed earlier

**13. President's Report** - No report.

**14. Action Items** - none

**Community Reports List - Announcements**

- **Flamingo Heights** - Ken - .Potluck Tuesday 5:30, 1.00 with dish 6.00 without. May 6 yard sale, 8:00-1:00
- **Yucca Mesa** - Swap Meet 1st & 3rd Saturdays; Homeschoolers meet every week; Potluck every 4th Friday. Planning Mesa Fest Sep 23rd
- **Landers** - Roxanna - April 15 tire collection last minute announcement that tires would be ground for road surfacing, allowed semi tractor tires, rims.  
May 6 Art & Craft Bazaar. Rodeo on May 27, 28 at Homestead Valley Park.  
Meeting every 2nd Saturday 3:00.
- **Johnson Valley** - Cinco de Mayo Open Air Fiesta, Saturday, May 6. 2:00-5:00 p.m  
10.00 per person includes one FREE margarita, and a FREE sombrero while quantities last. The trains will be running if weather allows. Posters to distribute

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**14. Adjourned** 3:55 pm

– Betty Munson  
Secretary

**HOMESTEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
APRIL 2017**

**HVCC Checking Account**

BEGINNING BALANCE -4/1/17 .....	\$2,016.94
INCOME .....	0.00
EXPENSES: CK 674 cash for Poker Run Prizes .....	300.00
ENDING BALANCE CHECKING - 4/28/17 .....	\$1,716.94

**HVCC Savings Account**

BEGINNING BALANCE 4/1/17 .....	\$4,139.73
INCOME .....	0.00
INTEREST DEP Jan .....	0.03
ENDING BALANCE - 4/28/17 .....	\$4,139.76

**Total HVCC Assets .....\$5,856.70**

**CASH IN BANK:**

US BANK - CHECKING .....	\$1,716.94
US BANK - SAVINGS .....	4,139.76
TOTAL CASH IN BANK ACCOUNTS .....	\$5,856.70

**LEGEND:**

CK - CHECK

DC - DEBIT CARD

DEP - DEPOSIT

EFT - ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

BETTY MUNSON  
TREASURER

## Advancing the Scenic 247 Campaign

Members of the HVCC Scenic 247 Committee met with representatives from the County Land Use Services Department. *The primary purpose: Where do we go from here?*

Some history: Since HVCC first asked for Caltrans and County help in 2009 and formed the Scenic 247 Committee in 2010, the campaign for Scenic Highway status for Hwy 247 met with much enthusiasm. Community organizations, tourist attractions and businesses signed on as sponsors. *All recognize that this "disadvantaged" rural area had one significant advantage: miles of undeveloped open desert, with a historic highway linking renowned mountain and desert destinations and Route 66.*

For all the positive responses, the campaign progressed in fits and starts. Always encouraged by Caltrans, somehow it shifted into neutral and idled in the halls of County government, despite the support of the Supervisor.

The ultimate question was, how does the County fulfill the Caltrans requirements, to make their proposal for Scenic Highway 247? The Committee had followed the Caltrans guidelines, but County officials remained undecided as to their next step.

Yet another threat of destruction of

a good portion of the scenic corridor, this one by an application to install almost 500 acres of solar fields and a large substation, got us back in gear.

Supervisor Ramos urged a face-to-face meeting with Scenic 247 Committee members and County Land Use officials.

Chuck Bell in Lucerne Valley and Committee member Sarah Kennington, president of the Morongo Basin Conservation Association, updated planners on the long history of the campaign. They emphasized the urgency of a meeting to get things moving again. Sarah's patient effort to zero in a meeting date suitable for everyone succeeded and we were set for Thursday, April 20, at the Lucerne Valley Community Center.

The Scenic 247 Committee: Chair Betty Munson, Joanna Wright, Jim Harvey, Sarah Kennington, and Ken Brock, HVCC delegate from Flamingo Heights. Chuck Bell represented the Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association (LVEDA), Jean Magee, LVEDA Board and Lucerne Valley-Johnson Valley MAC.

From County Land Use Services: Planning Director Terry Rahhal, Planning Manager Karen Watkins, and Associate Planner Evan

Evangelopoulos. They brought documentation of recent successful Scenic Highway proposals and printouts of the Caltrans scenic process chart. They arranged that Caltrans Landscape Architect John Stanton participate and answer questions by phone.

Also at the table were Supervisor Ramos' Chief of Staff Molly Wiltshire, Legislative Analyst Tony Mejia, and Ramos' Field Representative Mark Lundquist. Also sitting in was State Senator Jean Fuller's Field Representative Jim Schooler.

Nominating the highway for State Scenic Highway status requires a visual assessment. The Committee began this years ago but held up awaiting further action.

We learned for the first time that a licensed Landscape Architect has to certify our report – with no County budget for the assessment or the architect. However, the Committee will resume the assessment process as soon as possible, and begin fundraising later if necessary.

We are grateful to all who traveled to the meeting, to James Ramos for recommending it in the first place, to Sarah Kennington for getting everyone together, and to Chuck Bell for arranging our use of the Lucerne Valley Community Center as a convenience for those of us attending the MAC meeting later.

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