Minutes

1. Call to Order - 2023 Vice Chair Wendy Loomis at 6:00PM
2. Roll Call: Determination of a Quorum and introduction of new members
   Wendy Loomis, Roger Rodarte, Tom Renner, Jon Turner all being present, a quorum was established. (There were no new members.)
3. Pledge of Allegiance - led by Tom Renner
4. Invocation - led by Roger Rodarte
5. Public Participation - none at this time

6. For Possible Action: Review and adoption of Agenda. Tom Renner moved to adopt the agenda as written, seconded by Roger Rodarte. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

7. For Discussion: A general discussion of the 2024 open positions.
   Board members discussed how best to fill the 2024 positions of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary with only four member on the board (one position open).
   Public Comment: Mark Jones, good job figuring it out.

8. For Possible Action: Election of the Chair for 2024. Wendy Loomis nominated Tom Renner for Chair, seconded by Roger Rodarte. Tom Renner accepted the nomination. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.
   Wendy Loomis passed the gavel to Tom Renner.

9. For Possible Action: Election of the Vice Chair for 2024. Jon Turner nominated Wendy Loomis for Vice Chair, seconded by Roger Rodarte. Wendy Loomis accepted the nomination. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

10. For Possible Action: Election of the Secretary for 2024. Wendy Loomis nominated Jon Turner for Secretary, seconded by Roger Rodarte. Jon Turner accepted the nomination. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

11. For Possible Action: Approve Minutes of: December 6, 2023. Wendy Loomis made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Roger Rodarte. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

12. Community Reports:
   a. County Commissioner – Dave Hockaday
      Dave Hockaday – BoCC approved resolution to accept hazard mitigation plan. Taylor Allison new emergency comm manager.
      A wildfire communications plan was adopted.
      The annual comprehensive financial report completed for last fiscal year (July-June)
Mark Jones - sign on Artesia has been down for a while. Can we get reflectors on turn from 208 to lower colony?

Jon Turner – mentioned the forms required to access the library, DH indicated he wants to make access as easy as possible

Don Smith – reason meeting at SVL is due to water issue at the SVJC. Dispute over water between parties and they switched the water off.

b. Planning Commission – Mark Jones or other representative
Mark Jones – Planning Commission
Not a lot happening in December, approved a development in silver springs for gas station, casino, etc., but no requirement for a hotel (unlike surrounding counties) so missing out on the revenue from hotel room taxes.
Dave Hockaday – county thinks it’s an excellent idea. Nowhere to stay in lyon county (on Rte 50)

c. Sheriff’s Office Report – Cdr Ryan Powell (or designate)
Cdr Powell – Sheriff Office
Quiet month for sheriff’s office. Annual shop with sheriff went great. Working on the annual report. Busy year for the SO, stats were higher/better all around. Getting to calls faster, etc. Retirement ceremony at BoCC tomorrow. 25 years.
Mark Jones – thanks to being out and active in the community so much
Tom Renner – lower colony rd, some kids in that area spinning out on corner, tossing trash, racing, etc.
Dave Hockaday – hearing CCW processing is faster now.
previous practice with renewing ccw was 120 days, now have a 364 day grace period. (Get it in 2-3 months early to avoid issues).
Tom Renner – how far from a house to shoot a gun?
County code lists “congested area” of which there are very few in Lyon County. Pretty much open in Smith Valley. “Shots fired public land” is a common call.
Dave Hockaday – designated residential, business areas, 500ft. Rural Residential is good.

d. Fire Department Report – Chief Matt Nightingale (or designate)
Chief Nightingale – SVFPD
busy December. Trying to do more in the community. Refresher training for all volunteers finished start of December. 203 calls for the year. (220 last year). New SCBAs in (grant) – training next few days, then will deploy. Burn trailer – one is back up servicing the conservation district grant. Other two will be back in service soon. Looking at backup generators for stations that don’t have them. Want to be able to have EOC, available for community, etc. quad county hazmat interlocal agreement done in case of a hazmat event.
Two chimney fires in December, please clean your chimney! Welcome to use the fire station 40 any time we need for meetings.
Joanne Lawson – new parameters for fire trailer?
5 times a year, $25/use.
Tom Renner – red stripe across the front of the school? (fire lane)

e. Other Elected/Appointed officials of Smith Valley, Lyon County or State of Nevada - NONE

13. For Discussion Only: Review of Correspondence, email, other communication:
a. Miscellaneous correspondence and email

The only item was the Sheriff’s Office Zone Report for Mason/Smith Valley.

14. For Discussion Only: Chairperson & Board Member Discussion (to include ancillary duties update, if any)

Tom Renner – my project is 208 from Wilson Canyon to 395, working with the TRE general improvement district. Turn lanes lower and upper colony, up hill passing lane, turn lane at the Catholic church. Need someone that can write grants (safety streets)

Leslie Sonne – add banking and 208 at lower colony. 2800 new homes across 208 from TRE, developer needs to look at this

Mark Jones – Douglass CC doesn’t see the 2800 homes happening

RECESS TO CONVENE AS THE SMITH VALLEY CEMETERY BOARD

15. Public Participation: None at this time.

16. For Possible Action - Appointment of the Cemetery Director for 2024. Wendy Loomis made a motion to appoint Roger Rodarte, seconded by Jon Turner and accepted by Roger Rodarte. All in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Roger Rodarte – good support from the community wanting to clean up trash trees, etc. Trash bin continues to work well. Want to place a larger flagpole with military placards for the Veterans area, want it to be more patriotic. Want to be able to recognize Veterans Day with flags, etc. New rules coming for the entire county. Need to add that dogs should be on a leash. Looking at dog bag stands for cleanup.

17. For Possible Action - Approval of updated Cemetery Rules and Regulations. (Adopting a common set for all Lyon County cemeteries.)

Wendy Loomis made motion to accept, requesting a section on dogs and a time limit for headstone and markers to be placed. Seconded by Roger Rodarte. All in favor, unanimous. [A LoT will be forwarded to BoCC.]

18. For Report Only: Report on cemetery operations, to potentially include a. Plot sales and improvements to plots requested by plot owners (who and what has been requested).
   b. Maintenance and activities, including a review of projects that need to be accomplished.

Doug Homestead and/or Roger Rodarte.

Roger Rodarte – no plot sales in December. No interments. Been very quiet. No changes to funding.

getting permission to pull weeds, etc, at the other cemetery. Overtaken with sage. (Smith Gage cemetery)

Dave Hockaday – Rotary wants to take SGC on as a project to clean up. Sage needs to be cut down but not removed.

Tom Renner – not a lot of involvement from the SV tribe though they have a section of
19. Public Participation:

Mark Jones – Roger, what about raising funds to do a Veterans Circle, etc? How does it work so that it doesn't go into the general fund? Can do a fundraiser for that particular project only. Roger Rodarte, needs to do more research.

Don Smith – what service with regard to maintenance are provided by the county? Roger Rodarte – none at this time. Working with Doug Homestead trying to get temp/part time maintenance. They have done water lines for irrigation but that’s it. Dave Hockaday - Reskinned the building. Basically whatever the budget allows. Tom Renner – county paid for crew to come to take trees out. Rotary ground the stumps out.

Don Smith – has the county relinquished responsibility for regular maintenance?

ADJOURN TO RECONVENE AS THE SMITH VALLEY ADVISORY BOARD

20. Public Participation:

Judith Harker – next week library hours change MTWH from 2-6PM, Friday 10-4. Closed on Sat/Sun but open every afternoon during the week.

Mark Jones – Leslie Sonne, something to do with the conservancy? Leslie Sonne – no just reposting the info, nothing to do with it.

Mark Jones – lot of confusion between caucus and primary. Caucuses run their own separate processes. Did that because another party can come onto the primary. Caucus 5-9PM February 8th at SV library.

21. Board Member Comments. None

22. Adjourn. Wendy Loomis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Roger Rodarte. All in favor the meeting was adjourned.