Minutes

1. Call to Order - Chair Tom Renner
   Meeting called to order at 6:00PM

2. Roll Call: Determination of a Quorum
   Wendy Loomis, Roger Rodarte, Tom Renner, Jon Turner all being present, a
   quorum was established (one open position).

3. Pledge of Allegiance
   Led by Wendy Loomis

4. Invocation
   Led by Roger Rodarte

5. Public Participation
   Joanne Lawson – SLMC will have a helicopter based out of Yerington, Battleborn
   medevac 1. Hoping for March 15 launch. Membership fee paid for all residents in
   the immediate area through the rest of the year ($59/year/household). Response
   time should be much better coming out of Yerington. Ruralmedevac.com.
   (boundaries include Smith Valley)

6. For Possible Action: Review and adoption of Agenda.
   Motion by Wendy Loomis to accept as written second by RR. Approved 4:0
   unanimous

7. For Possible Action: Approve Minutes of: January 3, 2024
   Motion to accept as amended (Cemetery Director) by Wendy Loomis, second by
   Roger Rodarte. Approved 4:0 unanimous.

8. Community Reports:
   a. County Commissioner – Dave Hockaday
      - Issue with E Walker Rd, 700 trucks/day over to Mineral County to build
        a solar plant. Road will need to be paved ($10-15 million)
- NDoT hwy 50 improvements – better access on/off, speed limit drop to 55 Mound House to Silver Springs. Several year program, thoroughfare not a boulevard, addition of signals.
- NDoT issues on 208 upper/lower colony there are some community plans (100+) requesting things like this. May see some push on this.
- Conservation District meeting, looking forward to the amount of water we have. They also do weed control and can do private spraying.
- Park pickleball/basketball/tennis court new blacktop surface, bid $47000 to finish it. April/May
- Walker and Assoc. lobby group works with the NV Legislature. According to Economic Dev. Will pay more attention to rural areas.

b. Planning Commission – Mark Jones or other representative
- None present

c. Sheriff’s Office Report – Cdr Ryan Powell
- Not much to report, business as usual this is the slow season chance to get caught up on stuff
- Feb/March program for Commanders to work swing shift to mentor the Sergeants.
- Crime is low in SV, not a lot to report out here
- Western States Sheriff Conference this week in Reno.
- USCCA did officer wellness training, well received, good class.
- BoCC tomorrow contingency fund request for some vehicles (tonneau covers to protect equipment in pickup trucks)
- Dispatch commander retiring after 34 years Donna Cup (SP?), dispatch to cover the new medevac helicopter.
- Had radar trailer out for about a week.
- Picked up 200 dead starlings in my yard, not sure why? Cattlefeeders may have put out poison.
- We have a jail/detention division. 95-100 inmates, average stay <48 hours. Arresting and processing quite a few people, jail stays pretty busy.
- Marshall Hartman – asked a question? do we hire retirees to work part time
- No we do not not a bad idea but not something we do. Issues with PERS
  Wendy Loomis – how short staffed are you?
  10 open positions. Hired 25 people who have to be certified within 12 months of their duty assignment. Lose them for 4 months to the academy.

d. Fire Department Report – Chief Matt Nightingale
- 31 calls so far this year, been a quiet start
- Started Explorer program for the youth last month
- Hazmat awareness class – 14 people
- Working to get members trained up to help the community at a qualified level.
- Budget coming up, openings for grants
- New ambulance arrives March 26. $331,000+
- Roger Rodarte – how many ambulances?
- 3 in the area, will retire one with this new one so will stay at 3.
- Been in touch with rural medevac re: the new helicopter service.
- Joanne Lawson – hospital district is Lyon county south of the carson river (where the new medevac helicopter coverage is provided)
- Other Elected/Appointed officials of Smith Valley, Lyon County or State of Nevada
  - none

9. For Discussion Only: Review of Correspondence, email, other communications:
   a. Miscellaneous correspondence and email
      Doug Homestead – will have two trailers for Cemetery cleanup day

10. For Report Only: One vacancy is open for the Smith Valley Citizen Advisory Board, please reach out to Erin Lopez at elo@lyon-county.org, or 775-463-6531 for an application.
    Dave Hockaday – Marshal Hartman has applied.

11. For Report Only: Smith Valley Voting Issues
    Letter from Julia Acosta regarding incorrect address for certain Smith Valley residents. Needs to be either Wellington or Smith, not “Smith Valley”.
    When some people checked to see if they had voted it showed they had when they had not – coding error.
    Dave Hockaday – last commission meeting, this has been a problem with 89430/89444 rolls have been screwed up for a long time, think that everything is getting straightened out. Smith Valley gets out the vote.
    Joanne Lawson – how much confusion is there with the same zip code for 2 counties?
    Dave Hockaday – Stacy Lindbergh has been working to straighten this all out.
    Tom Renner – the USPS is wanting to send all mail to Sacramento for processing

12. For Report Only: Notice to the Citizen's Advisory Boards of Annual Mandatory Training for April 13th, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
    - Held in Silver Springs, can be done virtually

13. For Discussion Only: Chairperson & Board Member Discussion (to include ancillary duties update, if any)
Jon Turner – nothing
Roger Rodarte – nothing
Wendy Loomis – nothing
Tom Renner – SS4A (Safe Streets and Roads For All) grant writing deadlines for improvements to Hwy 208. Passing lanes, turning lanes, etc. program Thursday March 7 to explain more about the program. TRE has been having problems with their board (not sure if it was dissolved), problems with water bills, etc.

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14. Public Participation:

15. 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.

Roger Rodarte.

Shown many plots but nobody has gone down and paid. Budget is $6000, $5573.93 remaining. FY July-June

April 20 9am calling for community help for the Cemetery Cleanup, Rotary is going to participate. (Also cleanup on Hwy 208.)

Purchases have to be approved by Doug Homestead and purchased through the County.

Cdr. Powell – working to have inmates out to help with cleanup.

Tom Renner – on the schedule to finish putting in the drip system. Put in one line out of seven. More trees need to be removed and replaced with something more appropriate for the cemetery.

16. Public Participation:

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17. Public Participation:

18. Board Member Comments.

Tom Renner – thanks everyone for coming out and being involved here.
Roger Rodarte – last meeting Mark Jones asked for reflectivity on turn to Lower Colony from 208, has done 3 guideposts so curious if it has proved effective or if more is required.

19. Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn Wendy Loomis second by Roger Rodarte, meeting adjourned 7:09PM