

## **SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING September 4, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER:** This meeting was called to order by President Mike Cohen at 7PM. Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for armed service personnel, law enforcement and first responders. Members present, Mike C., Mike S. Steve S., Liz S., Ray Y., Jim W., Ken P., Susan K., Judi T., and Tom P.

**MINUTES:** Minutes from July, one correction, Jim was there. Move to approve minutes from July: Mike S. Second Judy T. Accepted

**TREASURES REPORT:** Currently \$2730.40

Includes \$450.00 membership fees, Ck#709 \$50.00 Paper supplies, Ck#710 \$46.00 Postage

Certificate of Deposit Balance \$3446.40

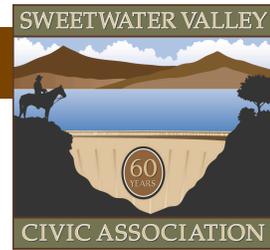
Ending Balance \$6176.80

Accepted

### **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SPEAK**

Judi commented that the corner of Briarwood and State 54 looks terrible. Is there something we can do about it? Suggestion was discussed and the end result was to call the fire marshal, Carl 479-2346 and report it. If it's a hazard the fire department will deal with it.

Bud Wilson a long time member came to discuss the closure and rebuilding of the 'Bonita Bridge' which we know as the Willow Street Bridge. He was upset because the "last landmark which represents



Bonita” was being destroyed. We stated that we understood, but the land now rested in the city of Chula Vista and as such we had no real pull to do anything at this late stage. Tom P. stated that parts of the bridge will be saved and displayed at the Bonita Museum.

### **LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORTS**

Officer Scott Panfil of the CHP gave this report:

He had a great vacation surfing with his family. Frisbie Street is being enforced and people might start to get the message soon. He took a report to keep an eye on parents dropping children on the wrong side of Central to cross in traffic to get to Sunnyside School. A discussion was had about discussing the situation with the principal of the school.

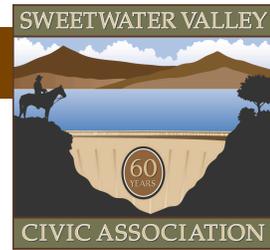
Julio Garcia from the Sheriff’s Department came and gave this report: First he apologized for not having any statistics. The department has a new system.

The theft rings are still working: Chula Vista, National City, and North to Poway and Encinitas. However the Sheriff’s Department is arresting people. They believe the gangs are two or three people. The issue is that new ones come to replace the old. Julio made a statement about false alarms and how it impacted the response to other crimes.

Auto thefts went down in our area. Be sure to call the non-emergency number for things you see that are suspicious.

### **SUPERVISOR COX’S REPORT**

Michael De La Rosa gave this report: First, the bridge: There has been great concern and care taken over the vegetation, trail access and character of the new bridge. It is going forward because the old



one has no sidewalk, is in danger from flooding and is a bottleneck for travelers. It is being 90% funded by government grants.

On September 11 the Board will vote on the Equine Ordinance which has been modified to the satisfaction of the Bonita stable owners. It is expected to pass. Judi said that Bonita stable owners can live with it. Michael said that the changes came about because there is absolutely no other area in the state which has the character that Bonita has, so there is no other reference point.

The building of the bridge over the drainage ditch at Otay Lakes Rd and Bonita Rd has begun. It should take two months to complete.

As to the road situation in the Highlands: the situation is known and funding is being sought to resurface the streets. Right now, the funding is unavailable due to this problem being rampant over all of the state and each area only getting so much for repair. Now we have to get creative about budgeting for this issue.

Ray wanted to know where the gas tax money went.

### **CONGRESSWOMAN SUSAN DAVIS' OFFICE**

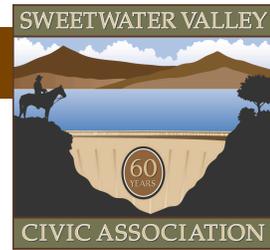
Gavin Deeb came from Congresswoman Susan Davis gave this report: We had a presence at the Chili Cook-off and were surprised by the number of people who came. We will also have a booth at the upcoming Bonitafest. Please stop by. There is no oversight to the tiered water problem.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business

### **CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

Bonitafest was discussed.



## **STANDING REPORTS**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Tom reported that the Fire Department had been in this building 21 years. Cal Fire is going to take over San Miguel as they are not doing well. Bonita is still solvent. They have been two years without a pay increase. No, we are not sending men to Yosemite yet.

**FLOODING AND WATER:** No Report.

**TRAFFIC AND ROADS:** no report

**PARKS:** no report.

**PLANNING GROUP:** We accepted the presentation from Total Deliverance Church as they had made all the changes that Planning Group had requested.

**MEMBERSHIP:** five new members

**PROJECT REPORTS:** none

### **SENIOR PATROL:**

Jim said he'd send the report as usual. They have a new car with only 60 thousand miles on it.

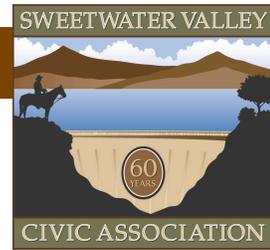
**ENVIRONMENTAL:** No report

### **ROUND TABLE:**

William Perno from the Institute of Public Strategies stood up and spoke about his group who go to places and discuss how to keep children away from drugs and alcohol.

There was a motion to endorse a letter from Bonita Highlands. Motion made by Mike S. Seconded by Jim W.

Michael De La Rosa commented that low flow adjusters can be purchased for \$50.



The Chula Vista Museum is sponsoring an exhibit on the history of their police department.

Mike S. had a statement about the newest water rate increase. It seems that the Water Authority only gave two days notice for public input then voted it in. This is against Prop. 218. Write and complain.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM.

**The next meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2013.**

**Elizabeth Stonehouse  
Secretary**