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SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
January 8, 2025

**Directors Present:** President Judy Tieber, Vice President Sharmane Estolano, Treasurer Stephen Stonehouse, Jose Rocha, Mike Clowers, Sharon Coleman.

**Directors Absent:** Richard Scott, Theresa Capanis, Guillermo Torres, Carri Fernandez,

**Members Present:** Tony Tieber, Felix Felix, Jessica Rocha (acting Secretary), Bill Coleman, Felix Nunez, Vanessa Nunez, John Taylor, Harriet Taylor, Daryl Hearn.

**Guest Present:** Fire Chief Michael Sims, Representative from the office of Chula Vista Mayor John McCann: Amanda Angulo

**1 CALL TO ORDER:** 06:35 PM by President Judy Tieber at the Bonita Library.

**2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** following the pledge of allegiance, there was a moment of silence to honor the people of our Armed Forces, Law Enforcement and especially our Fire and Safety professionals, hoping everyone is safe as possible fighting the Los Angeles fires and to express appreciation for those who are currently serving to protect us.

**3 SIGN IN:** Everyone was encouraged to sign in so that there is a record of who is attending.

**4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The draft December 04, 2024 meeting minutes were circulated via email prior to the meeting. Move to accept by Tony Tieber, seconded by Stephen Stonehouse, minutes approved. Vice President Sharmane Estolano abstained.

**5 TREASURER'S REPORT:** Stephen Stonehouse provided the January Treasurer's report.

\$9,837.62	Checking Account Previous Balance
\$45.00	Paypal paid to mail CHIMP
\$180.00	Check 916 to KIG-Dec website
\$130.50	Check 917 to J. Tieber – Banners
\$200.00	Check 919 to Postal SVC box rent
\$180.00	Check 920 to KIG-Jan website
<u>\$106.77</u>	Check 921 to S. Stonehouse- Supplies

\$ 8,995.35 Total Ending Balance

Due but not paid- repayment to county for \$2666.25 grant

**6 FIRE CHIEF MICHAEL SIMS:** Bonita Engine 38 has been assigned to a pre-positioned County Strike team during the Santa Ana weather event. The benefit of this is that they are pre-assembled and ready to respond within minutes anywhere in the County.

Three fires burning in Los Angeles County with many structures already burned and many more continuing to be threatened. No reports of loss of life thus far. The San Diego Operational Area has sent several Strike Teams to both the Eaton and Palisades fires.

The new "Nurse Navigator" program has been in effect since November and Bonita has had 8 instances where it was utilized. We are doing a 3-month trial using the application model that El Cajon has been using for over a year, and then we will switch to a more conservative use model for another 3-month trial. Upon completion of the 6-month total, the Central Zone Chiefs will evaluate the two models and decide which one has the most merit and benefit to the community.

The Orange County Fire Authority has suffered the loss of one of its firefighters. He was involved in search and rescue operation in a structure fire when he began to feel ill. He went outside and collapsed prompting on scene crews to give him medical attention and quickly transported him to the hospital where he unfortunately passed away from a major cardiac event. Our Region will be flying Mourning Flags and shrouding badges until his memorial service is held.

South bay ambulance transport EOA (Exclusive Operating Area) with CVFD and IBFD continues to provide great service. They had an ambulance arrive on-scene within 10 minutes of the initial 911 call 95.5% of the time for the month of December. This is well above the allowable standard of 90%.

President Judy Tieber stated to Chief Sims that it would be appreciated if the Proctor Valley Rd issue can be looked into, in which the Chief stated that he would talk to the new Chief of Fish and Wildlife.

## **7 ELECTED OFFICIALS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:**

### **Ernesto Castaneda from the District 1 office**

-Staff is still in place but have been informed to not do any community outreach.

### **Amanda Angulo from the office of the Chula Vista Mayor John McCann:**

-Last year 57 police officers were hired, 21 firefighters graduated from the fire department, 16 new ambulance transport assistant paramedics, 6 new assistant EMTS.

-Homeless encampment ban was passed last year but they are trying to find ways to make it stricter and have more cleanups to enforce homelessness encampments ban.

- City opened up Harbor Side Park with limited hours of operation so that it can always be monitored by Ranger staff. This will help it stay clean and not encroached by homeless encampments again and keep criminal activity out.
- Started construction on four story building with signed letter of intent with San Diego State to bring the global studies program, some nursing program classes, film studies and library into the building as well.
- Gaylord is set to open on time Tuesday May 27, 2025 with an outdoor event with the Mayor John McCann.

**8 CONTINING BUSINESS:** Continuation of bylaws draft being discussed/changed by attending members.

**9 OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- The Planning Group has elected Felix Felix as Chair, Patty O’Mara as Vice Chair, Lori Noe as Secretary.
- President Judy Tieber wrote a letter to Richard Wipple in regard to the San Miguel Rd issue and creek clean out to check on their status as it appears nothing has been done so far.
- Susan Heavilin had advised the Sweetwater Community Planning Group the previous night that her neighbor is still bringing in dirt and is doing it at night now so that no one sees him.

**Meeting adjourned:** the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM

**December 2024 VOLUNTEER SHERIFF PATROL ACTIVITIES**

Hours on patrol	43
Number of Patrols	65
Number of Miles Driven	247
Vacation Checks	4
Citizen Assists	0
Traffic Control	1
Number of Volunteers	4
Deploy Speed Tractor	1
Citations Issued	3

Respectfully submitted,  
 Jessica Rocha, Secretary, SVCA

**Mission Statement:** The Sweetwater Valley Civic Association is the direct conduit to local County elected and appointed officials, law enforcement and emergency first responders to discuss and resolve issues related directly to our quality of life within the Sweetwater Valley communities.