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SWEETWATER VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
March 05, 2025  
Draft

**Directors Present:** President Judy Tieber, Treasurer Stephen Stonehouse, Jose Rocha, Mike Clowers, Sharon Coleman, Richard Scott

**Directors Absent:** Sharmane Estolano, Theresa Capanis, Guillermo Torres, Carri Fernandez

**Members Present:** Tony Tieber, Felix Felix, Jessica Rocha (acting Secretary), Felix Nunez, Elizabeth Cox, Mike Parnell, Daryl Hern, Tom Pocklington, Daniel Estrada, Bill Coleman, Jim Woodford

**Guest Present:** Fire Chief Michael Sims, Rodney Murphy, Representative from Mayor John McCann: Caroline McClaskey

**1 CALL TO ORDER:** 06:31 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 and express appreciation for those who are currently serving to protect us.

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

**4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The draft February 07, 2025, meeting minutes were circulated via email prior to the meeting. Move to accept by Stephen Stonehouse, seconded by Tony Tieber, minutes approved.

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

\$6,268.46	Checking Account Previous Balance
\$45.00	PayPal paid to mail CHIMP
<u>\$180.00</u>	<u>Check 924 to KIG-Dec website</u>
\$6,043.46	Total Ending Balance

## **6 FIRE CHIEF MICHAEL SIMS:**

-Annual Pancake Breakfast is set for April 27 from 0800-1100 am. In conjunction to this event the fire department will be sharing new anniversary badges that will be worn for the next year and a time capsule will be buried. The time capsule is open to the public and anyone wishing to participate must take their item to the fire department at the beginning of April to ensure all items fit. The time capsule will be buried for 25 yrs. The Chief reviewed the following training topics:

- There will be zone-wide training letting people know the different ways to handle stress.
- SDGE training on how to work together and strategize with each other.
- Confined spaces training.
- RT 130 training and county-wide drills where all departments will coordinate. If anyone is interested in participating reach out to the fire department.
- Ambulance performance is at 98.8% response time compliance with 104 responses.
- Heartland fire training association- the joint powers agreement has purchased a new burn building for doing live burns to train firefighters from academy recruits up to our seasoned active firefighters. It is expected to be operational by the end of this year.
- Heartland fire communications authority- the 911 center's Director, Jeff Logan, has been accepted to serve as the incoming President for the Southern California section of the CalNENA 911 (California National Emergency Numbers Association 911) executive board.
- Fish and Wildlife and the fire department had a meeting about clearing out along the San Miguel Rd.

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

### **Caroline McClaskey from the office of the Chula Vista Mayor John McCann:**

- On Valentine's Day, we celebrated the Ribbon Cutting for the renovations of Fire Station 1. Station 1 originally opened its doors 77 years ago on February 14, 1948, and has been instrumental in serving the City's busiest fire district in Northwest Chula Vista. The renovations, funded by Measure P, ensure a higher quality of life for our firefighters and the station is now able to house an engine, truck, medic, squad and battalion squad.
- At the February 4<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, the council approved six new police officers and one police Captain. These important additions ensure that we remain the safest City in San Diego, as our city expands.
- On March 4<sup>th</sup> Major McCann had the honor of joining the groundbreaking ceremony for the Heritage Road Bridge construction project. This important upgrade will replace the 30-year-old temporary bridge with a new concrete bridge, improving connectivity and traffic flow for our community. The project will also expand Heritage Road from two to six lanes, add a lane to Main Street, and add bike lanes, sidewalks and landscaping for a more accessible and sustainable future. With improvements to traffic signals and access to major attractions such as Live Nation's North Island Credit Union Amphitheatre and Sesame Place, this project will enhance our region's growth and development.
- The Gaylord Pacific Resort and Convention Center will be having a job fair at the Southwestern College Library. With 800 positions to fill before the grand opening in May 2025.

Dates: March 7-8 and March 14-16

Times: 10am-6pm

**8 JOSE ORTIZ, SHERIFFS OFFICE:** Did not attend.

President Judy Tieber advised of a new application for up to 72 hr. mental health assessment as the evaluation procedures have been updated. Jose Ortiz will be invited to the next meeting to elaborate more.

## **9 ELECTED OFFICIALS REPRESENTATIVES**

Elizabeth Cox from Sweetwater Authority

-acknowledge that there is Pfas in the water but SWA is unable to determine the levels until more quarterly testing is done to monitor it.

-March 12 there will be a board meeting.

-Tomato Mania will be on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at the water smart garden at Cuyamaca College.

This is open to all to visit the garden. The water smart garden is a great place for people to visit to get water conservation ideas for gardens.

-On March 25 an advisory group meeting will be held. The public can go to Sweetwater Authority and ask questions.

- anyone can sign up with the Sweetwater Authority to receive updates.

-Kindness organization is setting up another pop up with Koala to put up a "spread kindness" sign up along the freeway with youth help. Tax deductible donations are accepted.

**10 CONTINUING BUSINESS:** A motion was made to approve the bylaws which led to a discussion. A vote was conducted by President Judy Tieber, unanimous approval by 15 members. Thanks were given to Felix with an appreciation card.

**11 NEW BUSINESS:** President Judy Tieber asked for volunteers to be a part of the nominating committee. Committee Chair to be Director Stephen Stonehouse with Tony Tieber as the membership Co-Chair. We will seek additional members at the April meeting.

## **12 COMMUNITY FORUM:**

### **A) Sweetwater Authority**

Nothing noted in addition to what Elizabeth Cox presented..

### **B) Traffic and roads- Mike Clowers**

Jeff Lane has been assigned to the field and a new representative will be taking his spot.

### **C) Sweetwater community planning group- Felix Felix**

Felix thanked everyone who voted for his selection as Chair and informed everyone that he will be prioritizing projects and will work to improve transparency and communication with the community. The Quarry Rd Storage proposal is under appeal, and a hearing is scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am before the County Board of Supervisors. Everyone is asked to show their support with letters and emails if they are unable to attend.

### **D) Membership- Sharon Coleman**

69- INDIVIDUAL

22- FAMILY

22- GOLD

- 1-FAMILY/SILVER
- 5- NON-PROFIT ORG
- 2- GOLD NON-PROFIT ORG
- 3- LOCAL BUSINESSES

**E) Volunteer patrol**

Jim Woodford reported they currently have 6 members and patrol about three times a week. If anyone would like to join the Volunteer Patrol, the academy will commence in June. The academy lasts 2 weeks and is free to the public.

**FEBRUARY 2025 VOLUNTEER SHERIFF PATROL ACTIVITIES**

Hours on patrol	75
Number of Patrols	8
Number of Miles Driven	283
Vacation Checks	1
Citizen Assists	0
Traffic Control	4
Number of Volunteers	5
Deploy Speed Traylor	1
Citations Issued	5

**13 OTHER ANOUNCEMENTS:**

None.

**Meeting adjourned:** the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

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.