

RLE Chamber of Commerce and Civic League
Minutes for August 10, 2026
Open Session: 6:30
Call to order: 6:30

Roll Call	Present	Absent
Tonia Silva, President (exp 2027)	X	
Dan Welch, Vice President (exp 2028)	X	
Amanda Ridgeway, Treasurer (exp 2028)	X	
Troy Golden, Director (exp 2026)	X	
Jessica Thornhill, Director (exp 2028)	X	
Cathy Scharf, Director (exp 2026)	X	
Director (exp 2027)		

Quorum Present: Yes

Introductions:

Joe & Venus Pressnell, Sheena McGowan, Nicky Hussein, Meg Schafer, Amanda Apperson

President Opening Comments: Vacant seat, please inquire if interested.

Agency Comments: NA

Approval of the Minutes: Tonia Silva motioned to approve minutes as presented, Troy Golden seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report: Tonia Silva motioned to approve report as presented, Cathy Scharf seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Updates:

Mayor's Race: Chair - LeeAnn Williams. Committee members - Cathy Scharf, Jessica Thornhill. Update next month with raffle prizes for tickets.

Mayor's Dinner - Oct. 17, location to be determined, \$40 meal ticket, \$25 per person, no increase in price for food cost. Tri-tip, mashed potatoes, green beans with bacon, roll, salad. The Chamber will provide dessert and drinks. Discussion about free tickets. Raffle for the event, and raffle for tickets. Revisit next month. \$4,600 budgeted in budget.

Tonia and Dan sponsor \$75 each to cover the cost of the plus 1

Community Champion: Chair - Jessica Thornhill. Committee members - Liliette Freeman, Anthony Silva, LeeAnn Williams.

Light Contest: Chair - Troy Golden. Committee members - Amanda Ridgeway, Jolene Thornhill. Revisit.

Mixers: Chair - Amanda Ridgeway. Committee members - LeeAnn Williams, Venus Pressnell, Natalee Price. Promote upcoming event with \$25.

Community Membership/Involvement: Chair - Cathy Scharf. Committee members - Jessica Thornhill, LeeAnn Williams, Kristen Mathews.

Grants: Chair - Tonia Silva. No update.

Scholarship: Chair - Dan Welch. Committee members - Jessica Thornhill, Jason Gaultney. No update.

Great Gobble Run: Sheena off to a good start. 21 entries so far.

Old Business

1. Passports: 19 businesses so far.
2. Quilt Trail Project: Reallocate \$1,000 funds to Mural Mosaic.
3. Cartoon Map: Artist is planning on having the map completed by Sept. 1.
4. Website: Revisit next month. Remove John's Calendar.
5. Mural Mosaic: Tonia Silva - revisit next month.
6. Decorating of M St. poles - Jessica Thornhill - would need to file for an encroachment permit each time. Tonia is going to get some more information.

New Business

1. Permanent home for Chamber - Tonia Silva will facilitate a time to go and check it out with the board.
2. Response to Legion - Dan will draft a letter in response.

Director Comments:

Troy Golden - Owner of Golden Rays Solar Cleaning: August is a slow month.

Dan Welch - Owner of Near You Pest Control: No comment.

Tonia Silva - Owner of Tonia Silva Bookkeeper & Tax Preparer: August 21st concert at Higher Ground.

Jessica Thornhill - Owner of Tummy's Sub Shop: Kids coloring contest, ice cream sandwiches this Sunday. FFA Car Show Aug. 22, Ranch House.

Amanda Ridgeway - Owner of Ridgeway Construction: No comment.

Cathy Scharf - Community Pastor, LifePointe Church: Paint Party Sept. 26, Oct. 17 Rummage Sale.

Public Comments: Joe Pressnell, Going Beyond starts on August 20th, Heavenly Haven calendar of events coming soon, Codenames tournament happening Sept. 5. Backdrops for back to school are up and running. Nicky Hussein is looking for a place to park a spay and neuter trailer. Fundraiser for Friends of The Felines Oct. 28 at Topgolf. Meg's Creamery is featuring floats this month.

Adjourn: 8:12 p.m.

Notes -

Future Agenda Items -

The next meeting is Sept. 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Location - 7813 Rio Linda Blvd, Elverta, CA 95626