

**Greater Garden Valley Chamber of Commerce**  
**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

6:30 pm

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**Attendees (Members):** Chris Garza (Kinetico) Val Jones (Garden Valley Home & Land), Leslie & Ruben Lazo (GV Lavender Farm), Scott Price (Crouch Merc), Jennifer Schmitt (Crouch Merc), Holly & Shelby Stroebel (The Dirty Shame) Mary Thompson (Crafty Sweets), Kyle Trone (GV Market), John Turnbull (Mountain Merch), Samantha Turnbull (Mountain Scoops),

**Attendees (Guests):** Tivon, Shelby & Madix Miller, Clay & Amanda Tucker

Jennifer Schmitt, President, called a meeting to order at 6:33 pm. Pledge of Allegiance recited. Review of previous minutes (March 10, 2026) Samantha Turnbull motioned for approval, Scott Price seconded motion. Minutes approved.

**President's Report** given by Jennifer Schmitt.

- **Chamber Scholarship:** This year's recipient of the Chamber Scholarship for \$500 is Madix Miller. His willingness to volunteer his time to our community has been shown over and over. We are so excited to see all he accomplishes.
- **Fourth of July Update:**
  - Thanks to Kinetico & Mountain Merch we were able to come up with the funds due end of May for the fireworks show. Together they donated \$6,000 toward our show. Many more donations are still coming in which is great. Several Chamber sponsors renew in June which will also help our funding for the Fourth.
  - Donation boxes are out around town. Katja Wees is working on sorting the ducks. They will be available for sale next week at some point.
  - Final firework bill came in at just above \$15,000 which will give us a bigger show than last year. Payment due June 1st.
  - Flag raising not really appropriate at the Park as the flag is raised at sunrise and there is no way to lower the flag for a flag raising. Pitched the idea of moving it to the Senior Center but they are not interested in hosting the event. Jen will reach out to Kraig to see if he wants to do something through the city instead of the chamber.
  - Tentative Fourth of July Schedule:
    - 10am – Vendors & Games Open
    - 11am - Food trucks open
    - Noon - 3 pm - Face painte
    - 1 - 3pm - Soap Box Derby Races
    - 4 pm - Duck Races
    - 6 pm - Wet Dry Parade
    - 9:15 - Star Spangled Banner Sung
    - 9:30 pm - Fireworks Show
    - 9:45 pm - After party at The Dirty Shame (all traffic will be directed to go around the backside of Weilmunster to avoid road closure)

**Vice-President's Report** given by Scott Price.

- **Soap Box Derby** - Jenna & Chris from Northwest Defensible Space will host the derby. All cars MUST be cared for by their owners and need to be in good working condition by July 1st to be used in the derby.

**Treasurer's Report** given by Mary Thompson. **Bank Balance as of 5/13/26: \$8,216.12**

- Sales tax had not been paid for 5 years so we had to pay it or risk losing our status. It was a \$500 tax bill paid to the State of Idaho.
- There are 17 past due memberships which leave us with a \$6,150 deficit and there are 14 upcoming membership dues in June which brings in \$4,450.
- NEW MEMBERS: Stoddard Construction & Garden Valley Saturday Market

**Secretary's Report** given by Samantha Turnbull.

- **Influencer Update:** Several influencers have reached out to partner with the Chamber this summer. Currently working with one influencer to come up in July. She will likely stay at Three Bears Inn and then spend the weekend visiting the Saturday Market and other chamber member's locations.
- **SWITA funding Fourth of July:** Swita will be covering the expense of six roadside signs for the Fourth of July. They will also be granting up \$5,000 to use on radio ads for the weekend. This money will come out of the chamber accounts and then SWITA will reimburse minus the 12.5%.
- **Food Truck & Live Music Update:** We have 9 food trucks/vendors confirmed for the Fourth of July and live music planned for all day starting at 10am.

#### **Committee Reports**

- Parade Committee - Val Jones. Will have 22 cones dropped off. Start point will be at Starlight. Samantha to send out parade registration information, deadline to register is July 1st.
- Duck Race Committee - Shanon Perez (via Jen Schmitt). They will handle the duck drops and pickups on the Fourth. Not able to sell ducks inside The Mud Room so they will be for sale at The Merc and any business that wishes to sell them.
- Kid Games Committee - we need someone to head up this committee and to organize the volunteers.

#### **Unfinished business**

- None

**The election of At-Large Board Members** - Kyle Trone (GV Market) & Devin Trone (Medicap) introduced as two separate Members at Large last meeting. Leslie Lazo motioned to approve them for positions. Ayes carry the motion. Motion passes, Kyle & Devin Trone will be listed as two members at large instead of one.

#### **New Business:**

- Fundraising ideas for day of Fourth of July - Leslie Lazo suggested we bulk purchase American flags and then sell at a discounted rate so that kids/visitors can wave flags during the parade.
- Ruben suggested looking into a color guard for the parade. Kyle Trone has put out some feelers on having marching band members come up for the parade.
- Fly over is pending due to current military situations, will know more in June.
- Stars & Stripes Fundraiser is June 27th at Weilmunster Park. Fliers on the chamber website and on social media.
- GV Market asked about doing the Round-Up for the Fourth of July in addition to the donation boxes, Kyle said he would check with store management.

Motion to adjourn made by Scott Prince. Seconded by Shelby Stroebel. Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.