

# Pearblossom Rural Town Council General Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS NOT PRESENT
Chris Minsal - President Kyle Lockhart - Treasurer Devin Lockhart – Recording Secretary Jose Centeno – Correspondence Secretary	Robert Corrick - Vice President Beth Kieffer - Council Member

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS	FOLLOW-UP
1. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 7:28 p.m. by Chris M.		
2. Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft Meeting Minutes for the 06/18/2025 presented for approval - Devin L.</li> <li>Treasurer's Report for 06/2025 – 07/2025 – Kyle L.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>06/18/2025 draft meeting minutes were presented for approval, Devin L. motion to approve, Chris M. seconded, all in favor. Minutes approved as written.</li> <li>Treasurer's Report:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>06/2025 Balance Forward: \$4,892.78                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6/18/2025 Lowe's for cooler -\$98.79</li> <li>6/30/2025 Interest payment \$0.04</li> </ul> </li> <li>07/2025 Balance Forward: \$4,794.03                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7/14/2025 K. Kirkman for ducks -\$360</li> <li>7/26/2025 Wild at Heart for Beer garden share -\$167.20</li> <li>7/31/2025 Interest payment \$0.04</li> </ul> </li> <li>08/2025 Balance Forward: \$4,266.87</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>New Business</b>			
3. Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome Back</li> <li>Ducktoberfest Committee Meeting – 09/04/2026 at 7:00 p.m.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>34004 128th Street East, Pearblossom, CA 93553</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcoming all back from the break</li> <li>Ducktoberfest Community meeting date                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ducks arrived today. They are small but fast.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
4. Guest Speakers – if available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department</li> <li>California Highway Patrol</li> <li>Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation</li> <li>Los Angeles County Public Works</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stats for Pearblossom. Violent felony crimes down 39% from this time last year.                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Q: Chris M. asked if a stolen car is found in town does it count in the stats?</li> <li>A: No as crimes are counted in the area they occurred.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The individual that was responsible for the vandalism had his hearing postponed to 08/21/2025; however, he has been in jail since his arrest.</li> <li>You can report crimes on-line – petty crimes and felonies – go to website at Palmdale station and fill out the report. If you would like to</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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		<p> speak to a deputy you can schedule a meeting with them via zoom using the calendar.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• California Highway Patrol                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Not present</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Invites everyone to the community meeting. Invite for the community and superiors, for concerns, complaints, speak your mind, and on events wanted. 09/30/2025 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.</li> <li>○ Sports – flag football looking for more to join before the first week of September.</li> <li>○ Chris M. talked to Mimi about the arts going on at the other parks. Chris M. would like to offer a fully funded mural for Pearblossom Park. He was told to call them and schedule a meeting.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Los Angeles County Public Works                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Josephine Gutierrez – guardrail construction project on Big Pines Highway start early September. The roads will be open, but with one lane closure. It will take approximately five (5) weeks to complete. Signs will be posted a week in advance.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Supervisor Barger via Charles Bostwick – flyers for free disposal 10/04/2025 collection. They continue to have the vouchers for the dump just show ID and you can get four (4) vouchers for the landfill and can receive additional vouchers for each parcel owned.</li> </ul>	
5. Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set Date for Community Clean-Up/Preparedness Giveaway</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date proposed and agreed to have the Community Clean-Up and Preparedness Giveaway 09/26/2025 – 09/28/2025. Chris M. will contact Waste Management to schedule the containers.</li> </ul>	
6. Local Happenings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pearblossom Pantry Open from 7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. every Saturday</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pearblossom Pantry Open from 7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. every Saturday for anyone needing food and/or clothes.</li> </ul>	
7. Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pearblossom Emergency Aid and Response (PEAR)</li> <li>• Liberty and the Sexual Violent Predator (SVP) – a.k.a. “The Pillowcase Rapist” – Mary Jeters</li> <li>• Pearblossom Highway 138                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Signal Light</li> <li>○ Highway 138 Safe Roads Initiative Tour</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pearblossom Emergency Aid and Response (PEAR)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Received the four (4) shipping containers and scheduled for all to be stocked by November and ready for distribution of emergency supplies for disasters.                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Q: Attendee asked if we are coordinating with CERT?</li> <li>▪ A: We have talked with them about the Vpod and they are very excited about it. We don’t have the red tape to distribute supplies to surrounding area that would be in need but we are starting the conversations with them and they are involved.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Los Angeles County Public Works<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Highway 138 Intersection Upgrades and Awareness</li></ul></li><li>• 50<sup>th</sup> and Possible Final Ducktoberfest</li><li>• Association of Rural Town Councils (ARTC) – Jose C.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ CERT - having an event at AV Fairgrounds on 10/04/2025 for CERT members.</li><li>• Liberty and the Sexual Violent Predator (SVP) – a.k.a. “The Pillowcase Rapist” – Mary Jeters<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Kathryn Barger made a motion to the Board of Supervisors to support the bills to stop placing SVPs in our valley.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ SB379 proposes to makes public safety a required consideration and have to sign-off on the location prior to placement of an SVP.</li><li>▪ SB380 proposes instead of immediate placement they be placed in transitional housing, preferably on the grounds of the mental hospital</li><li>▪ 4 out of 5 supervisors supported them and it passed</li></ul></li><li>○ On 07/04/2025 we had a Community BBQ with some representatives, community members, and all the local Town Councils.</li><li>○ The SVP placed in Lancaster had his progress report hearing and he said he wants to have unconditional release within the community. He had some issues because the Department of State Hospitals wanted him to have a community services component which Liberty Healthcare didn’t want him serving in the community. His hearing is on 08/28/2025 to see if he can petition to go to trial. Not sure if jury or just with the judge. He was convicted of raping young girls in many states.</li><li>○ Joint Legislators Audit Committee Hearing. Audit hearing that was done in July of the SVP program. There wasn’t anything conclusive but they are aware of how much money per SVP around \$493,000 to keep in the community vs. around \$390,000 to stay in the State Hospital.</li><li>○ The Littlerock SVP hearing people were concerned that he was seen driving around alone. He still has security guards at night and he has a curfew. His annual hearing is coming up in October and anticipated to petition for unconditional release.</li><li>○ There was a scare of another predator placement in our area. The placement was pulled for now. Doesn’t mean we won’t get more.</li><li>○ Pillowcase Rapist had his progress report hearing last week and no one could get on the call because they changed how it was to be viewed at the last minute. The Judge said he is so happy that he is gardening and hopes he can get some community service and that was pretty much it. Next hearing 09/18/2025.</li><li>○ Did an appreciation event to celebrate all the officials that have been</li></ul></li></ul>	
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		<p>assisting with this process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Alpine Range – trying to get it reopened if anyone is interested in helping with the efforts let her know.</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Pearblossom Highway 138<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Signal Light – 126<sup>th</sup> Street - construction happening that we are receiving the signal. Process was started in 2019. In 2018 we requested it we were told once construction was completed we requested a traffic study. The traffic study was performed by Cal Trans and the bulk of the traffic and school buses wait time (often 20 minutes) to turn on the highway was on 126<sup>th</sup> Street. Currently there is no safe place to cross in the middle of town.</li><li>○ Highway 138 Safe Roads Initiative Tour<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ A way to help Juan Carrillo's and Kathryn Barger's office to understand the situation from Littlerock to the county line. Started at 82st Street to show how busy it is there, spoke on the risks of adding a truck stop there. Went to 96<sup>th</sup> Street then to 106<sup>th</sup> Street shared the importance on how the towns have to cross the highway at these intersection. 106<sup>th</sup> Street is very dangerous because it is on a curve. Everyone we could bring up to show the importance of safety.</li><li>▪ Went down to 165<sup>th</sup> Street to show the high speed area showed them at night how the reflectors are too worn and can't see and there is no stop light for a very long distance without any warning it is coming up. They are looking into all this.</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>● Los Angeles County Public Works<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Highway 138 Intersection Upgrades and Awareness – in the next 8 -10 weeks as you approach 106<sup>th</sup> Street flashing beacons are being installed they are approving the reflective areas.</li></ul></li><li>● 50th and Possible Final Ducktoberfest<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Ducktoberfest Volunteers Needed</li><li>○ Committee meeting 09/04/2025. Need volunteers for the races.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Hoping the Sheriff's Department can have the come out even for a short time.</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>● Association of Rural Town Councils (ARTC) – Jose C.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Met last month in person with the LA County Council. Regarding their renewable energy ordinance update to address the battery storage systems, also to look at other sources of clean energy which includes</li></ul></li></ul>	
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		land turbines, green hydrogen.	
8. Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Formation of Election Committee and New Volunteers</li><li>• Standing Invite to Elected Representatives Meetings/Events</li></ul>	Items tabled	
9. Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ducktoberfest 50<sup>th</sup> Annual –10/05/2025</li><li>• Pearblossom Rural Town Council Elections – 11/19/2025</li></ul>		
10. Community Input	Younger attendees spoke to why they like Pearblossom. Unable to capture the audio via Zoom.		
11. NEXT MEETING	09/17/2025		
12. Adjournment	7:59 p.m.		

Minutes Prepared By: <Signature on File>  
Devin Lockhart

Date: August 27, 2025

Approved By: <Signature on File>  
Christopher Minsal

Date: TBD