
QUARTERLY MEETING FOR THE LOWER GALLINAS LAND GRANT
DATE – March 1, 2025 TIME – 12:00 pm
LOCATION – Gallinas Volunteer Fire Station
Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to order. Tony Benavidez calls the meeting to order at 12:04
- II. Invocation. Tony Benavidez
- III. Roll call of office: Bobby Padilla, Margaret Lucero and Tony Benavidez are all present
- IV. Approval of Agenda for General Meeting: for March 1st, 2025
 - a. Members all have a copy of the proposed Agenda.
 - b. Margaret motioned to accept the Quarterly Meeting for the LGLG, Tony Second the motion all in favor.
- V. Approval of Minutes from General Meeting on October 26th, 2025, Quarterly Meeting
 - a. Members had a copy of the minutes they read through them. No questions or comments.
 - b. Motion made by Maragaret to accept the meeting notes for the LGLG on October 26, 2024, Bobby second the motion, Tony asked for a vote all agreed it passed.
- VI. Approval of Minutes from Special Meeting on February 21, 2025—motion made by Bobby and 2nd by Tony all approved the motion.
 - a. Kathy Archuleta asked if the fees are taken out of the 20%
 - i. We need to check on it.
 - b. Henrietta asked if we had received any advice from the bank.
 - i. We have not done so; I will call the bank and talk to an adviser.
- VII. Introduce Spouses: None
- VIII. Treasurer's Report. **Needs motion and approval**
 - a. **Adding Tony Benavidez and Bobby Padilla to the bank account**
 - i. I believe we need to add two other Board of Trustees on the Southwest Capital Bank account. To add Bobby Padilla and Tony Benavidez, we had a motion to add the president on our October 26th, 2024, general meeting.
 - i. Bobby motion to accept adding the board of trustees; Bobby Padilla and Tony Benavidez to LGLG's SWC account. Tony 2nd the motion and it was passed.
 - b. Account Balance (checking/savings) information
 - 1. Bobby read the year to date, members had a copy and read along.
 - 2. Motion made by Margaret to accept the motion, 2nd by Tony all accepted
 - 3. Henrietta asked if the cash access was the same as the grant.
 - i. Answer was we do not have restrictions on the money from the state.
 - 4. BAR on Budget Donation from the State.
 - i. Motion to accept the BAR, by Tony and 2nd by Bobby.
 - c. QuickBooks purchase \$1069.20 a year (this needs approval)
 - d. Motion by Tony to accept the purchase Quick books, 2nd made by Bobby and all accepted
 - e. Henrietta asked if a bar is needed—not if I have an operating fund and have money.

- IX. Present Quarterly Report that was sent January 2025 and was approved by the state.
- X. Collector's Report. Needs motion and approval
 - a. Members that have not paid 2024 annual dues
 - 1. Two members owe for 5 years
 - 2. 80% of members are current, letters are given individually to members when they are delinquent.
 - b. Members that have not paid 2023 annual dues
 - c. Members that are delinquent on annual dues beyond 2 most current years
 - d. Inform on how/when dues can be paid
 - e. Motion to accept the Collector's report made by Tony, 2nd by Margaret; all approved.
 - f. 2/27/2025 a deposit of \$865.00 was made.
 - g. Anita asked the people who owe 5 years, when do we do something.
- XI. New Business.
 - a. Common communication of LGLG business.
 - i. Email
 - ii. Discord –computer based or iPhone apps.
 - iii. Facebook
 - iv. Kathy and Anita can notify members here in the canyon.
 - v. Margaret stated the meetings, every quarter
 - b. No fees for members; Jonathan has brought this to the membership.
 - i. Margaret read the letter from meetings about no fees
 - ii. Kathy, statement we could lower it to \$5 and use the money for a picnic
 - iii. Henrietta stated it is a privilege to be a member, and we should pay the fees.
 - iv. Johnny stated that it is a way to ensure and respect our membership, members who are less than 10 years will pay the \$35.00
 - v. Members want a fee of some kind, and effective 2026.
 - vi. Lowering the price.
 - c. Hiring an administrative assistant capped at \$20,000 a year
 - i. Motion to accept to hire an administrative assistant made by Tony, 2nd by Margaret and accepted.
 - ii. please call Margaret at 505-525-1572 if you are interested
 - d. Work that is needed in the Land Grant and next steps
 - i. Work—trees need to be taken down
 - ii. Pine rotting
 - iii. Paul knows people who can give up quotes, two companies. Paul will give me numbers of the company's
 - iv. Three bids RFP (request for proposal)
 - v. Maybe they could do 50 to 100 acres at a time. Charles stated we could do both sides of the road.
 - vi.
 - e. Compensation for loss---Margaret Lucero, Bobby Padilla and Tony spoke on this subject.
 - i. Margaret explained conversation with Jacobo about giving compensation to the LGLG members for the loss and emotional stress that they all have endured. Jacobo stated that he was not sure we could because of the NM state anti-

donation clause. He stated he would talk to Arturo, and they will get information from me. I restated to Jacobo that the payment was for compensation not a donation or a gift.

- ii. I also informed members that Arturo called me back and was going to set up a meeting with the Department of Justice as soon as the Legislation was finished.
- iii. Bobby mentioned that we would let members know what the outcome would be.
- iv. Bobby told members that all of this was still up in the air, so please do not call and ask about the money, this is still an idea and the BOTs have a lot of conversations to have.
- v. Members' comments.
 - i. Will the money be taxed?
 - a. Bobby--Unknown at this time—we will get clarification
 - ii. Johnny stated he appreciated the effort the BOT of trustee was doing to get the compensation
- f. Upcoming Meeting Information – Was scheduled for April 12th, we will not have a quorum.
 - i. Next meeting is April 19th @12pm
- g. Elections will be held on May 17th two LGLG board members are needed to step up and run to be part of the board.
- h. Contact officers by email, phone or text if you have questions about scheduled meetings. Officers' information is as follows:
 - i. Tony Benavidez, Chairman tcbenavidez73@yahoo.com 505-652-5346.
 - ii. Margaret Lucero, Treasurer gramlu99@yahoo.com 505-525-1572.
 - iii. Bobby Padilla, Collector bobpadilla51@gmail.com

XII. Old Business.

- a. Road work and clearing (October 2024 discussion)
 - i. discussion on next steps on clearing the burn areas on the LGLG land grant
 - ii. Next steps on which project to begin and conversations on how to proceed.
Contact company's
- b. Quote for Tier 4 Services—accounting firm—vote to accept the Quote from Baldwin Accounting & Consulting, LLC. Resolution
 - i. We received one quote for 40 hours with a total cost of \$4,520
 - ii. Resolution to accept the Cost Quote and retain Baldwin Accounting & Consulting, LLC.
 - iii. Resolution #4—motion to accept Tony, Margaret 2nd, all voted to pass resolution.
- b. Bylaw update. – move to update bylaws to be compliant with state statute, below is information for members to know and understand the by-laws process.
 - i. We have had two By-laws meetings; we are halfway through the template that was sent to the Board.
 - ii. To follow State Statute the LGLG needs to review current bylaws and ensure that they cover all areas required by state statute.

- iii. LGLG is required to submit those bylaws to the NMLGC and to date has only submitted antiquated
 - iv. Per advisement from the NMLGC the LGLG was informed that the bylaws could be revised and completed by the LGLG board if 4/5 officers present at a public meeting moved to do so OR if 2/3 of the members at a meeting voted for revision.
 - v. Heir Comments – members must sign-up before the meeting starts. Limited to three (3) minutes. The member speaks, makes their comment(s) and we listen. Not open for discussion/debate
- c. Heir Comments
- i. Anita Baca—Facebook—group created—doing a website would like to add this again to the agenda—possibly zooming for members—satellite to get everyone involved.
 - ii. Tony Benavidez---leasing or grazing. Talked about a member who was upset and considered grazing, or leasing. Put it on the agenda to allow members to graze or just lease.

XIII. Adjourn Bobby made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Margaret 2nd 3:04 pm.