LOWER GALLINAS LAND GRANT
DATE – July 20, 2024
TIME – 12:00 pm
LOCATION – La Placitas Fire Station Gallinas, NM 87731
Meeting Minutes

Call to order.
Meeting called to order at 12:04 pm by Mr. Tony Benavidez, LGLG President.

Invocation.
Invocation given by LGLG member, Jonathan Jordan

Roll call of officers.

Antonio (Tony) Benavidez, LGLG President - Present
Avedona Lucero, LGLG Vice President – Absent
Margaret Lucero, LGLG Treasurer - Present
Robert (Bobby) Padilla, LGLG Collector - Present
Phillip Benavidez, LGLG Parliamentarian – Absent

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Approve the agenda for 7/20/24 meeting as proposed.
Made by: Bobby Padilla, Collector
Second by: Margaret Lucero, Treasurer
Vote: All Board Members in Favor
MOTION PASSED

Approval of Minutes from May 18, 2024 Regular Quarterly Meeting:

President Tony Benavidez read the meeting minutes.
Discussion:
Correction: Page 1 Avedona Lucero and Phillip Benavidez were not present; page 4 remove comma to add for (suggested by Jonathan)

Motion: Accept minutes with corrections mention above.
Made by: Margaret Lucero, Treasurer
Second by: Bobby Padilla, Collector
Vote: All Board Members in Favor
MOTION PASSED

Approval of Minutes from May 18, 2024, New Board Reorganizational Meeting
History/Support for meeting:

[Within seven days of the votes being canvassed the new board of trustees, both newly elected members and sitting members whose term has not yet expired (for land grant-mercedes with staggered terms) shall meet and elect among themselves a president, treasurer and secretary as required by law [49-1-8 NMSA 1978].

Minutes were read by Tony Benavidez, including edits proposed by absent board member Avedona Lucero, Secretary.

Motion: Accept minutes with corrections mention above.
Made by: Margaret Lucero, Treasurer
Second by: Bobby Padilla, Collector
Vote: All Board Members in Favor
MOTION PASSED

Introduce of Spouses;

No spouses were present.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurers report was read by Margaret Lucero Treasurer; Current balance in the checking account and the saving account is $117,510.34.

Motion: Accept Treasurers Report as presented.
Made by: Bobby Padilla, Collector
Second by: Margaret Lucero, Treasurer
Vote: All Board Members in Favor
MOTION PASSED

No discussion or questions.

Collector's Report

Collectors report made by Bobby Padilla, Collector:
Bobby reported to the LGLG members that he will collect the money from members and note what quarter the money was given, as well as he will deposit the money in the bank to avoid checks going in months later. Bobby stated Margaret that it may take two months for his to give me the money to deposit because we don't live close. The members mentioned that it was a good idea.

Motion: Accept Collectors Report as presented.
Made by: Margaret Lucero, Treasurer
Second by: Bobby Padilla, Collector
Vote: All Board Members in Favor
MOTION PASSED

New Business

a. 4th quarter financial report and Resolution 2025-01

i. Quarter 4 is due July 30th, 2024 the document must be in before in order for the state to grant money, this is one step to receive state money.
ii. Treasure gave the members a copy of the expenses and revenue work sheet that is completed before for a check and balance. This report aligns to the bank statements.
iii. Roberta Montano, LGLG Member, requested copies of all budget papers so that she could understand what the process is. Margaret Lucero, Treasurer agreed to email her a copy of the bank sheet that was given to members.
iv. Revenue was $99,488.00 and Expenditures were $4,033.00.

ACTION:
Resolution 2025-01 was signed by Tony Benavidez, President and Margaret Lucero, Treasurer to reflect that Quarter 4 has been adopted and request approval from the Local Government Division of the department of finance and administration.

Motion: Accept 4th Quarter Financial Report and Resolution 2024-01
Made by: Bobby Padilla, Collector
Second by: Margaret Lucero, Treasurer
Vote: All Board Members in Favor
MOTION PASSED

b. FY 2025 Budget Adoption and Resolution 2025-02—

i. Treasure created a sheet that was read to the membership for each line item in the 2024-2025 budget adoption.
ii. Revenue: Was $2500 and was adopted to reflect an increase to $4500.00, and Contributions/Donations was $100, and the membership adopted to reflect an increase to $300.00—Bobby made a motion to accept the increase of the revenue, Margaret 2nd the motion. The motion was passed
iii. Expenditures—
   1. Salary for elected officials will stay at $5,000.
   2. Contract-Other services stay at $7327.00
   3. General office supplies were $150.00 and raised to $600.00
   4. All line items were accepted individually—Bobby Motioned to accept each line item and Margaret Lucero 2nd the motion.
   5. The expenditures were accepted and passed
iv. Operating Costs:
   1. Election costs raised from 100.00 to $900.00
   2. Insurance property budget stays the same $1000
   3. Postage; correction from $1200 to $1600

4. Printing/Publishing/Advertising stays at $700
5. Property Tax Fees $200.00 stays the same
    a. Jonathan made a motion to accept each of the changes to the line items, Michael Armijo 2nd the motion; The motion passed.
6. Telecommunications increase from $2500 to $3000 this was change was approved in the March 9th, 2024, meeting.
7. Travel expenses a new line item, was approved during the March 9th, meeting. Line item will be at 1,000.
8. Other operating costs, increase from $3720 to $5000
    a. Jonathan informed the membership why we needed to increase the operating costs—" as we grow as a government entity, we should plan ahead so that the treasurer does not need to request a budget increase during the year.

Motion: Accept 4th Quarter Financial Report and Resolution 2024-01
Made by: Max Benavidez, LGLGL Member
Second by: Jonathan Jordan, LGLG Member
Vote: All Members present voted in favor.
MOTION PASSED

c. Update regarding the lawsuit:
Tony Benavidez, President read approval of Jonathan Jordan to sign documents for the lawsuit.

Discussion regarding Los Vigil's president having indicted that the LGLG shares land with Los Vigiles land grant and the LGLG owing Los Vigiles taxes.
Bobby went to the Los Vigiles President, Eddie Quintana to discuss "owed taxes." Bobby shared a map, the LGLG tax bill; the map supported what is indicated on the survey. Los Vigiles wants us to survey our land grant. There is question as to whether it is acceptable that Los Vigiles request a survey. It was determined that additional discussion regarding the need for a survey may need continue in future meetings and possibly placed on a future meeting agenda.
Jonathan Jordan, LGLG Member suggested that survey fees be split with Los Vigiles land grant. In addition Mr Jordan informed that John Wright property adjourned the LGLG property.
Mr. Jordan informed that Michael Feinberg, LGLG attorney for CCHP fire, need clarification that the LGLG name is consistent on all documentation. Tony Benavidez, President informed that he has spoke with Mr. Feinberg on the phone and explained to Mr. Feinberg that he would go to courthouse and confirm that the LGLG name is properly listed so as not to hold up the lawsuit.

X. Old business

Heir Comments – members must sign-up before meeting starts. Limited to three (3) minutes. The member speaks makes their comment(s) and we listen. Information presented during heir comments is not open for discussion/debate or voting/decision making.

- Tony Benavidez, President would like to see water or refreshments are served for our meetings. He also like plaques for the most recent past board members that served to help the LGLG get going as a political subdivision status.
- Bobby Padilla, Parliamentarian confirmed that plaques are a nice gesture.

XI. Adjourn.

Motion: Move to adjourn the meeting.
Made by: Max Benavidez, LGLGL Member
Second by: Jonathan Jordan, LGLG Member
Vote: All Members present voted in favor.
MOTION PASSED