

Gallinas Land Grant (LGLG)
Meeting Information:
Date: 5/18/24 – Time: 12:30pm
Location: Fire Station, Gallinas, NM
Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order.

Meeting called to order at 12:30pm by Mr. Jonathan Jordan, LGLG President.

II. Invocation.

Invocation given by Tony Benavidez

III. Roll call of officers.

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

IV. Agenda

Proposed agenda was read by Jonathan Jordan.

Motion to approve the agenda made by Avedona Lucero
Second by Robert (Bobby) Padilla

Discussion – none

Vote:

Jonathan, Jordan, President – Aye
Margaret Lucero, Treasurer – Aye
Avedona Lucero, Secretary - Aye
Phillip Benavidez, Parliamentarian – Aye
Robert (Bobby) Padilla, Collector – Aye

MOTION PASSED

V. Approval of Minutes from the 4/13/24 meeting

Jonathan Jordan explained that drafted minutes are required to be available to anyone by request ten (10) days following a meeting. Minutes could be obtained by request of any board member via call, text, email.

Motion to approve the minutes from the 4/13/24 meeting made by Avedona Lucero
Second by Margaret Lucero

Discussion – none

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Vote:

Jonathan, Jordan, President – Aye
Margaret Lucero, Treasurer – Aye
Avedona Lucero, Secretary - Aye
Phillip Benavidez, Parliamentarian – Aye
Robert (Bobby) Padilla, Collector – Aye

MOTION PASSED

VI. Introduction of Spouses:

Antonio Lucero introduced by Avedona Lucero
Gary Gold introduced by Melissa Gold

VII. Treasurer's Report

Margaret Lucero reported that quarter 3 expenses were \$925. The balance in LGLG checking and savings account is \$118,073.25

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report made by Avedona Lucero
Second by Phillip Benavidez

Discussion: Avedona Lucero expressed gratitude for all the work Margaret has done to make sure all treasury information is up do date and timely, namely the quarterly reports. The membership applauded her for her exceptional work and effort.

Vote:

Jonathan, Jordan, President – Aye
Margaret Lucero, Treasurer – Aye
Avedona Lucero, Secretary - Aye
Phillip Benavidez, Parliamentarian – Aye
Robert (Bobby) Padilla, Collector – Aye

MOTION PASSED

VIII. Collector's Report

Robert (Bobby) Padilla reported that \$895 has been collected so far in quarter four (4). Bobby explained that collection and deposit of funds has been greatly improved.

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Motion made to accept the Treasurer Report by Phillip Benavidez
Second by Margaret Lucero

Discussion – Jonathan Jordan expressed gratitude for Bobby’s work to collect dues and make himself available. Jonathan informed it is best to pay dues prior to the start of any meeting.

Vote:

Jonathan, Jordan, President – Aye

Margaret Lucero, Treasurer – Aye

Avedona Lucero, Secretary - Aye

Phillip Benavidez, Parliamentarian – Aye

Robert (Bobby) Padilla, Collector – Aye

MOTION PASSED

IX. New Business.

- A. Jonatan Jordan extended a “Thank you” to NMLGC, Arturo Archuleta and Jacobo Baca and their staff for making the trip and being the election officials. In addition, big thanks to the NMLGC for being available to help us get started as a new political subdivision.
- B. Results of the election. Jonathan Jordan congratulated Tony Benavidez on being elected to the LGLG board and presented a certificate of election to him. It certified that he was elected to a two (2) year term. Tony Benavidez accepted the certificate and addressed the membership stating he would do his best to serve the membership to the best of his ability. He shared that a year has gone by as a political subdivision and it was a year of learning. The existing board has done a great job to learn many new processes and thanked them for getting the LGLG going under the new statutes.
- C. NMLGC presentation of information on how to move forward with regard to organizing after the election. Arturo Archuleta and Jacobo Baca congratulated the LGLG on conducting a successful election. Arturo stated the LGLG was very well organized. Under statue the Board of Trustees requires 3 board members and can have up to 5 board members. Currently you have one successfully elected candidate and two others that have a term that expires December 31, 2024. The new board/current board has the ability to appoint members to fill vacancies through to the end of an existing term. You currently have a functioning board with the three board members you have right now. It is advised that the board work to try and appoint two board members so that you have 5 members on the board. When the two board members term that expires in December occurs the LGLG would still have the minimum number of board members and those

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three can then appoint two new members for the remainder of the term. Once there is a fully functioning five member board they can decide who holds a two or four year term. In summary the LGLG currently has a 3 member functioning board and they will meet to organize themselves and work to appoint 2 other board members. Arturo informed it is advisable to stagger terms, two board members

- D. Update on the Hermits Peak/Calf Canyon Fire. Jonathan informed that our attorney submitted the proof of loss with several expert reports attached. It consisted of many reports and claimed upward of \$50 mil loss. FEMA now has 180 days from the date of submission to respond. This process will take time, it is a marathon not a sprint. Jonathan explained that the LGLG gave the board the authority to act on behalf of the membership with regard to the Hermits Peak/Calf Canyon fire matters. That is why Jonathan signed the Proof of Loss. Jonathan Jordan read the resolution that gives Jonathan the ability to sign all legal documents regarding the Hermits Peak/Calf Canyon Fire. Moving forward whoever becomes the Chairperson will have to complete a resolution to be the authoritative signature on future documentation.
- E. Jonathan Jordan informed that the next meeting is July 20, 2024. Meetings are posted at least 10 days before the meeting in the box that is set up on the fence of the Fire Department. A notice in the paper is not required; it is only required that the meeting is posted within the confines of the LGLG; the Montezuma post office is not within the confines of the LGLG. The LGLG can post in other places but it is not required.

X. Old Business.

A. Heir Comments:

Mark Benavidez – Introduced his son, Casey Benavidez. Casey is a new member. Horacio Benavidez bequeathed his membership to Casey, his grandson. Mark thanked the current board for all their work and thanked Tony Benavidez for stepping up to run for office.

Tony Benavidez – Thanked everyone for electing him and iterated he would do his best for the LGLG. He encouraged members to step up and run for a position in the future and encouraged that we can all do it if we work together. He encouraged that things can be learned, new things are difficult and can be intimidating but they can be learned. Give yourself a year to learn something new, an entire cycle.

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XI. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Tony Benavidez
Second by Member Max Benavidez
All in favor.
MOTION PASSED - meeting adjourned at 1:18pm