

SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE LOWER GALLINAS LAND GRANT

DATE: Friday, August 22,2025

Time-1:00 pm

**LOCATION- Las Vegas Police Department at 318 Moreno St,
Las Vegas, NM 87701 in the Conference room**

Adopted Minutes

Approved on: 09/13/2025

1. Meeting called to order at 1:13 pm by Chairman Tony Benavidez
2. Invocation done by Chairman Tony Benavidez
3. Roll call of officers
 - Chairman-Tony Benavidez-aye
 - Secretary-Anita Baca-aye
 - Treasurer-Margret Lucero-aye
 - Collector-Bobby Padilla-aye
4. Approval of agenda
5. Approval of draft meeting minutes from April 19,2025–2 mins to read thru minutes.
 - Tony Benavidez entertains a motion to accept the draft minutes
 - Margaret Lucero made a motion to accept the draft minutes for April 19, 2025.
 - Tony Benavidez opens it up for a discussion item
 - Kathy; Correction on page 2 under discussion (Kathy stated the interest money is it ? that was supposed to have ended with-will it be used as a saving bond)
 - Bobby Padilla seconds the motion to accept the draft minutes for April 19,2025
 - **All in favor vote is unanimous motion passes**
6. Approval of draft meeting minutes from May 8,2025
 - Tony Benavidez entertains a motion to accept the draft minutes
 - Margaret Lucero makes a motion to accept the draft minutes from May 8,2025

- Tony Benavidez opens it up for a discussion on the Meeting minutes.
- No changes are made to the minutes.
- Bobby seconded the motion to accept the draft minutes for May 8,2025
- **All in favor vote is unanimous**

7. Approval of draft meeting minutes from July 19,2025

- Tony Benavidez entertains a motion to accept the draft meeting minutes for July 19,2025.
- Bobby Padilla makes a motion to accept the draft meeting minutes for July 19,2025.
- Tony Benavidez opens it up for a discussion
 - Margaret: asked to have the letter “l” Corrected on page 3 LGLG has an extra “l” added.
 - Kathy: correction needed on page 5 #29 Kathy stated that she did not say “seek counsel or attorney,” she meant that she would have to go back and seek advice from her brothers.
 - Page 5 #29 Kathy stating-dead issue and remove council
 - Kathy: page 5 where Avedona stated that heirs are not to include remove (not) in that paragraph-typo.
- Margaret second the motion to accept the July 19,2025 draft meeting notes with the correction.
- **All in favor vote is unanimous**

8. Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution 2026-09: Land Grant Merced Assistance Fund FY 2026

- Margaret Lucero read the Resolution to members; Resolution is due by September 19,2025 it was signed by all 4-BOT

9. Discussion and Announcement regarding Administrative Assistant

- Announcement was made by chairman Tony Benavidez that the BOT is in the process of negotiating a contract with the administrative assistant.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Attorney –

- Tony informed the member present that there was a quorum, but no decisions were made, we just asked questions to Mr. Aaron.
- Bobby has a list of the attorneys that were contacted.
- Tony entertains the motion of retaining the attorney after calling 7 different attorneys and only having two call us back. Only one had

experience on Land Grants, Las Vegas, Cafe Canen fires, state ligation and Open Meetings Act.

- Margaret Lucero makes a motion to retain the attorney Scott Aaron from Roybal-Mack and Cordova, Pc.
- Chairman Benavidez Opens the motion for discussion.
- Kathy Archuleta—states that some members would not be happy to get an attorney until they get to meet them.
- Bobby—stated that we need to move forward and get an attorney, also that they called several and only 7 attorneys in the state of New Mexico had possible experience with land grants, and state issues.
- Margaret—Stated that an attorney is needed as we begin to have workers on the Land Grant, we may have an estate issue that will require a lawyer, once we complete the by-laws we will need a lawyer to certify them.
- Tony stated that we needed to move on this issue.
- Scott Aarron from Roybal-Mack and Cordova,PC
- The cost for the Attorney will be a retainer of \$10,000. As an advance retainer for fees, costs and expenses. Funds are withdrawn from your trust account on the 1st and 15th of each month.
 - Mr. Scott Aaron hourly fee is \$375.00 an hour.
 - If anyone wants to view the cost of services provided by the law firm;
 - Fill out a Form, with detailed information on what you would like to view, the secretary will show you the cost of services.
- Anita Baca seconded the motion to retain the attorney Scott Aaron
- **All in favor vote is unanimous**

11. Discussion and Possible Action on Investment -Debbie Andrews

- Tony Benavidez entertains the motion for Debbie Andrews as an investor
 - Tony opens the discussion to accept Debbie Andrews as our investor.
 - No questions, no discussions
 - Margaret Lucero makes a motion to accept Debbie Andrews as the LGLG's investor.
 - Bobby Padilla seconded the motion to accept Debbie Andrews as the LGLG investor.
 - **All in favor vote is unanimous**

12. Discussion and Possible Action on Land Purchase-Davis Properties

- Tony Benavidez entertains the motion to discuss the purchase of the Davis property.
- Bobby makes a motion to accept the possibility of purchasing the Davis Land.
- Discussion:
 - How much for 72.59 acres at \$2,000 an acre, it will cost \$145,180.00.
 - We need to get a hold of our realtor.
 - Kathy stated she could do the work of what the realtor would do.
 - Margaret stated that it is best to use the realtor because of the process the LGLG will need to go through because of the NMLC which is something that needs to be looked at.
 - Bobby stated it is best to get a realtor to represent the LGLG.
 - Tony asked Kathy Archuleta to get information about the Davis Property and amount if they are willing to sell as a whole or individually pieces of property.
- Margaret Lucero seconded the motion for Davis property
 - **All in favor vote is unanimous**
- Adjournment
- Tony Benavidez makes a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - Margret Lucero seconded motion to adjourn meeting.
 - **All in favor vote is unanimous Meeting adjourned@ 3:28 pm**

