

Gallinas Land Grant (LGLG)
Meeting Information:
Date: 4/13/24 – Time: 12:00pm
Location: NM State Police Dept., 520 Commerce St., Las Vegas, NM
Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order.

Meeting called to order at 12:13pm by Mr. Jonathan Jordan, LGLG President.

II. Invocation.

Invocation given by Joseph Duran

III. Roll call of officers.

Jonathan Jordan, 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

IV. Discussion and Action

Jonathan goes over the agenda. Bobby makes the motion to accept the agenda, Margaret seconds the motion the agenda is accepted and modified C. deadline is May 8th, 2024 not April 15th. Amended the agenda to change the location and the deadline to May 8th. Jonathan made note of an error on the agenda. The first two sentences in item C. of the agenda should read: *Eligible members will be required to file for candidacy. You can begin submitting your declaration of candidacy after the proclamation is published. The proclamation was published in the April 5th edition of the Las Vegas Optic meaning, candidates may begin submitting their declaration for candidacy.*

V. Approval of Agenda for April 13th, 2024

Mr. Jordan went over the proposed agenda and entertained a motion from the board to approve the Agenda for the meeting.

Motion to approve the agenda as proposed made by Bobby Padilla
Second by Margaret Lucero

VI. Approval of Minutes from March 9th as well as the Minutes from October, 2023 meetings

****Inform the members we received direction from NMGLC to approve the Oct. minutes**
Mr. Jordan went over the draft meeting notes, which were placed on the monitor.

March 9th, 2024

- Page 7 the XXX needs to be addressed Phillip Benavidez-- #8 Phillip Benavidez second.**

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- **Ron Duran had a Question on C page 10, he needed the statement explain: that a position is not voted on just to be part of the board. Jonathan explained the new process to the membership—candidates no longer run for a position just to be a board member.**
- **P. 9 Second paragraph needs a change from Mr. Michael Martinez to Mr. Michael Armijo.**

Question from Joseph Duran - Eligible voting member must be registered to vote every year? Answer; It is done every election not every year.

Motion to pass the Meeting Minutes for the March 9, 2024 meeting with the changes above made by Margaret Lucero

Second by Robert (Bobby) Padilla

October 21st meetings notes were explained why we were addressing them at this meeting; the notes were given to the board passed the 10 day deadline that the meeting notes must be read by board members and then given to members.

Motion to approve the agenda as proposed made by Margaret Lucero

Second by: Bobby Padilla

VII. Introduce Spouses:

Gary Gold, Melissa's Gold husband: Gary stated he was impressed with the board and that we looked like we knew what we were doing and he was excited to see our team come together.

Margaret Lucero husband Louis Lucero: Louie stated that this new state LGLG required a lot of work and it is like a fulltime job.

Vickie Hickman was present.

VIII. Treasurer's Report

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report by Margaret Lucero

Second by Bobby Padilla

Roll Call Vote:

Jonathan, Jordan, President – Aye

Margaret Lucero, Treasurer – Aye

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Avedona Lucero, Secretary - absent
Phillip Benavidez, Parliamentarian – Absent
Robert Benavidez, Collector – Aye

MOTION PASSED

Checking account \$101,731.31 balance and saving is \$9665 deposit
The Treasure report is Passed

IX. Collector's Report

Bobby reported information about deposits and how he collects money and how we deposit's the money. \$1,401.00 was collected from members that were deposited in the bank. He explained that his reported collections don't always show up in the monthly statement of the month that the member paid. He explained it is because Margaret lives out of town, he lives here and getting the money to Margaret takes time. So, the collection of money may showup in a different quarter.

Motion; By Margaret Lucero collectors report
Motion Second by Bobby Padilla
MOTION PASSED

X. New Business.

Jonathan Jordan announced elections will be held May 18th, 2024, according to current by-laws. Jacobo Baca and Arturo Archuleta (Members of the New Mexico Land Grant Council) will act as election officials.

Question; Why May? It is on our bylaws.

Question; Who can fill out the form? Any member of the LGLG, BUT a registration form must be fill out by May 8th at 5:00 pm.

Jonathan Jordan explained that eligible voting members must be registered to vote. Registration for eligible members will close fifteen (15) days before the election (May 3, 2024) and will reopen the Monday following the election (May 20, 2024). Members who wish to vote shall have their Membership Certification turned in by May 3rd or they will not be eligible to vote. Jonathan also mentioned members will be required to show a form of ID to the election officials. The officials will verify their identity, ensure they are eligible to vote and if everything checks out, the official will hand them a ballot.

Jonathan Jordan stated and repeated the address for members for whoever want to mail their registration forms; P.O. Box 102 Montezuma NM.

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Jonathan Jordan announced the Election Proclamation was published in the LV Optic twice. April 5th and April 12th. The board elected to pay for two publishing's vice the required one time.

- a. Posted at the church Santo Nino Church, San Antonio Church, Fire Station, Land Grant entrance and at the fork to Gallinas or El Porvenir

Jonathan Jordan gave the members an update on the Proof of Loss (POL) that we just received this week.

As a board we meet through zoom twice to review the documentation from Michael Finberg (no decisions are made during our zoom meetings).

The board members read through several documentations and read the documentation carefully to check for any potential errors.

Amount is about \$50 million and up.

Question from Michael Montano—What are the plans to deal with the money and how are we using it. Jonathan – we are not there yet, but that decision will be done through the membership not the board. Question by Michael Montano on why we could not be on the zoom with the lawyer or counsel.

Jonathan told the members that Michael Finberg ask the board to not share the POL with the LGLG membership until the POL was updated by his team and accepted by FEMA. Too many people makes the process longer and is not necessary.

XI. Old Business.

- a. Heir Comments:

Michael Montano –wants to give thanks the land grant for the money during his cancer treatment. He was concerned about how the LGLG got to be a state run LGLG. Jonathan informed he could meet with him after the meeting and provide that information.

Bobby Padilla—thank you for Avedona Lucero, Jonathan Jordan, and Margaret Lucero the process is like opening a new road very hard to do. Bobby also mentioned Phillip.

Max Benavidez thanked the board for the money that was donated to him for the loss of his son.

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Tony Benavidez—wants to thank the board for their hard work. He pleaded to the membership to run for the board, he is running for the board. Statement; “it is hard but anyone can learn how to do the things that need to do”.

XII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Ron Duran
Second by Member Max
All in favor.
MOTION PASSED