

Lower Gallinas



Land Grant

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Special Meeting for the Lower Gallinas Land Grant

Date: Sunday, March 22, 2026

Time – 10:00am

Location: La Placita Fire Station

ADOPTED MINUTES

APPROVED On: April 18, 2026

1. Meeting was called by Boddy Padilla to order at 10:06 am.
2. Invocation was made by Ron Ortega.
3. Roll call of officers: Bobby Padilla (Chairman, Collector) Present, Margaret Lucero (Treasurer) Present, Anita Baca (Secretary) Present
4. Approval of Agenda Special Meeting
 - a. A motion was made by Margaret Lucero to accept the Agenda for March 22, 2026
 - b. Bobby Padilla opened it up for discussion-No discussion made.
 - c. Anita Baca seconded a motion to accept the Agenda for March 22, 2026
 - d. All in favor voted unanimously-yes
5. Budget:
 - a. BAR increases and adjustments were explained by Margaret Lucero, who stated that we needed to prepare for the Quarterly report for the 4th Quarter and cannot get approval for the 4th Quarter if we have negative amounts. The red areas highlighted on the budget are negative. Handout: The red print on the handout shows the increased amount needed to keep the budget amount from having a negative balance.

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- i. Printing needs to increase due to the outpour printing for the Bylaws from \$3000.00 to \$6000.00.
 - ii. Election cost the LGLG BOT did not receive a receipt from FY25, it was not paid with the funds from FY25, receipt was researched and was paid with FY26 funds, which in turn has left the balance of the election cost low and will be at a negative balance.
 - iii. Refund and reimbursements code is new: to the LGLG budget it is needed as we have been getting refunds for items that were purchased and were not needed or not good as well as money that was refunded from the purchase of the Davis property.
 - iv. A new code is needed for the revenue received from the CS account as investment.
 - v. Bobby Padilla stated that it is protocol and anything to-do with money must be presented to the membership and voted on. Marie Roberta Montano asked for clarification, "is this for fiscal year 2026" and Bobby Padilla answered, "yes". Bobby Padilla asked for a motion on Resolution FY26 #11
 1. Anita Baca made motion to accept and raise the Bar and to accept Resolution #11
 2. Bobby Padilla opened it up for discussion-No discussion made.
 3. Margaret Lucero seconded the motion to accept and raise the Bar and to accept Resolution #11
 4. All in favor voted unanimously-yes.
6. Information on the website lowergallinaslandgrant.com

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- a. Anita Baca explained to all the LGLG members present that we will start utilizing our website- lowergallinaslandgrant.com for any information on Agendas and/or Approved Minutes. No longer will we be sending courtesy emails on any meetings as it will be the responsibility of the members to see when meetings are conducted.

7. Bylaws:

- a. Bobby Padilla stated that we had met on February 08, 2026, and spoke about passing bylaws for years. The Bylaws we have are there to follow for the land grant and it tells us how the BOT works together with members, they govern us and finally we started tackling this! Bobby Padilla gave an example of how we have worked together as an organization, the LGLG members and the BOT. Example that was made was Los Vigiles land grant never had their members included in their bylaws. We, the BOT of The Lower Gallinas Land Grant La Sierrita-Merced wanted our members to input it means a lot to us as the BOT to recognize how we can work together as a team. Bobby Padilla went over changes to the Bylaws such as "Organization" and it was included by our attorney, Scott Aaron. Also, the members wanted an open membership, and the BOT concluded to cap it at 100 members. This can be found on page 7 Article F Subsection I. Bobby Padilla addressed the membership present and stated, "We had good input on these bylaws LGLG members and I thank you". Andrew Ortega asked if we will be doing a final survey on the land grant. Phillip Benavidez answered, if we do one we can at one point upon the survey amend the bylaws, correct? Bobby stated yes. Jonathon Jordan stated that the only thing that

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would be needing change is Appendix II and Appendix III. Bobby Padilla spoke to the membership present and explained that we

- (The BOT) wanted to put our founding members in, but we had so many inconsistencies about who was there from the (1950's to 1960's). Margaret Lucero explained the purpose of having the Herederos in the application process and that new members would be able to reference who their Herederos were and who they were related to and tied to in The Land Grant. Helen Padilla read the definition of bylaws: Bylaws are the legally binding adopted rules that govern the internal management, operations, and structure of a corporation, organization, or meetings and elections. Bylaws are crucial for setting rights and enforcing them. Changes on our bylaws will be in Article IX Section 1 take-off Appendix II and Appendix III Pg 9 Section 3 b Change Name for website on Appendixes (List of Membership) referred to as Herederos. Bobby Padilla asked all the members present if they were comfortable with the bylaws at this time and if anyone had any questions. No additional topics were discussed. Bobby Padilla then stated we will then go ahead and vote on the bylaws with the changes of taking off Appendix II and Appendix III Pg 9 Section 3-b and add it to the application on the website for new members to refer to with the name change of Herederos.
 - i. Margaret Lucero made a motion to accept the bylaws that on March 22, 2026, the BOT will pass The Lower Gallinas La Sierrita-Merced Bylaws with the changes of removing from the Bylaws Appendix II and Appendix III and renaming them Herederos to be put on our website: lowergallinaslandgrant.com in the application part for new members to utilize
 - ii. Bobby Padilla opened it up for discussion-No discussion made.

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- iii. Anita Baca seconded the motion on March 22, 2026, to accept The Lower Gallinas La Sierrita-Merced Bylaws with the following changes:
 - 1. Removing from the Final Draft Bylaws any reference of Appendix II and Appendix III. Heredero members will be referenced in the current Bylaws. A list titled "Herederos" will be used as a reference for any new members and for LGLG history. The "Herederos" list will be posted on the website and accessible to any member. lowergallinaslandgrant.com
- iv. All in favor voted unanimously-@yes 11:10 am
- 8. Announcement- Date of any upcoming meetings
 - a. Quarterly meeting April 18, 2026, at La Placita Fire Station in Gallinas Canyon
- 9. Adjournment of meeting -11:20am
 - a. Margaret Lucero made a motion to adjourn meeting.
 - b. Bobby Padilla opened it up for discussion- no discussion made.
 - c. Anita Baca seconded motion to adjourn meeting.