

Lower Gallinas Land Grant

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Collector

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QUARTLEY MEETING FOR THE LOWER GALLINAS LAND GRANT

DATE: SUNDAY, November 02, 2025

TIME – 10:00 am

Location: Fire Station

ADOPTED MINUTES

APPROVED On: January 17, 2026

AMENDED MINUTES On : April 18, 2026

1. Anita Baca called meeting to order at 10:03 am
2. Invocation was done by Joann Vigil
3. Roll call of officers: Anita Baca- Secretary (Present), Margaret Lucero- Treasurer (present), Bobby Padilla- Collector (present), Tony Benavidez (absent)
4. Anita Baca did the reading of resignation letter of Tony Benavidez-chairman to the LGLG members
 1. Anita Baca asked for a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Tony Benavidez
 2. Bobby Padilla made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Tony Benavidez
 3. Anita Baca seconded the motion to accept the letter of resignation from Tony Benavidez
 4. Anita Baca opened it up for discussion-no discussion
 5. All voted-Unanimously
5. Re-organization of the LGLG BOT, Anita Baca stated to the LGLG members that she would stay as secretary for the LGLG she then asked Margaret Lucero if she would like to take position of chairman. Margaret Lucero stated that she would not want position of chairman and will stay in her position as treasurer of the LGLG. Anita Baca asked Bobby Padilla if he would be interested in taking over as chairman. Bobby Padilla stated that yes, he accepts and will take over chairman for the BOT of LGLG until election in May 2026. Bobby Padilla will also hold his position as collector.
 1. Anita Baca asked for a motion to accept Bobby Paddila as chairman of LGLG
 2. Margaret made a motion to accept Bobby Padilla as chairman of BOT till May of 2026
 3. Anita Baca seconded the motion to accept Bobby Padilla as chairman of BOT till May of 2026
 4. Anita Baca opened it up for discussion
 1. Kathy Archuleta stated thank you and Joann Vigil stated thank you for all the hard work
 5. All Voted-Unanimously

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BOBBY PADILLA STATED HE WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU TONY BENAVIDEZ FOR BEING OUR CHAIRMAN AND NOW HE WOULD

Margaret Lucero
Treasurer

LIKE TO START THE MEETING BY SAYING-LET US RESPECT ONE ANOTHER AND LETS ACT LIKE ADULTS.

6. Approval of agenda for November 02, 2025
 1. Bobby Padilla asked for a motion to approve the agenda for November 02, 2025
 2. Anita Baca made a motion to approve the agenda for November 02, 2025
 3. Bobby Padilla opened it up for discussion-no discussion
 4. Margaret seconded the motion to approve the agenda for November 02, 2025
 5. All voted-Unanimously
7. Approval of Meeting Minutes for Special Meeting September 13, 2025
 1. Bobby Padilla asked for a motion to approve the draft minutes for September 13, 2025
 2. Margaret made a motion to accept the draft minutes of 6 pages for September 13, 2025 agenda
 3. Bobby Padilla opened it up for discussion
 1. Kathy Archuleta asked if we could add Tony Benavidez comment to item 6 where Charles requested for the bequeathal and Tony Benavidez commented that adoption would come it into play and he also asked who's daughter is she, also on the last page to take off where Brandyn asked the board to buy both sides and Kathy stated it was a dead issue (delete the whole sentence) never said that
 1. Bobby Padilla asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add Tony Benavidez comments that stated about adoption and whose daughter Veronica Archuleta's was
 2. Margaret Lucero made a motion to amend the agenda to add Tony Benavidez comments that stated about adoption and whose daughter Veronica Archuleta's was
 3. Anita Baca seconded the motion to amend the agenda to add Tony Benavidez comments that stated about adoption and whose daughter Veronica Archuleta's was
 4. All vote-Unanimously to amend changes on agenda for September 13, 2025
 5. All vote-Unamously on changes
 6. Bobby Padilla asked for a motion to delete Kathy Archuleta comment dead issue
 7. Margaret Lucero made a motion to delete the comment that Kathy Archuleta made saying it is a dead issue
 8. Bobby Padilla seconded the motion to delete the comment that Kathy Archuleta made saying it is a dead issue
 9. All vote-Unanimously to amend the change to delete the comment Kathy Archuleta saying it is a dead issue

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10. All vote-Unanimously on changes
2. Margaret Lucero asked on page 3 bill invoices take off the dashes it's a treasurer typo that looks like we are negative on amounts
3. Bobby Padilla asked for any other discussion items-no further items
4. Margaret Lucero made a motion to accept the September 13, 2025 draft minutes to become a final agenda with changes made
5. Anita Baca seconded the motion to accept the September 13, 2025 draft minutes to become a final agenda with change made
6. All vote-Unanimously
8. Approval of Meeting Minutes for Special Meeting October 07, 2025
 1. Bobby Padilla asked for a motion to approve the draft minutes for October 07, 2025
 2. Margaret Lucero made a motion to approve the draft minutes for October 07, 2025
 3. Bobby Padilla opened it up for discussion-no discussion
 4. Anita Baca seconded the motion to approve the draft minutes for October 07, 2025
 5. All voted-Unanimously
9. Collectors Report:
 1. Report on the collector's balances and/or payments for 2025, Bobby Padilla stated that all dues are paid for 2025 by all members. January 02, 2026 he would like to open it up to start collecting from members
 2. Bobby Padilla asked if he could get a motion to accept the collectors report for FY2025
 3. Margaret Lucero made a motion to accept the collectors report for FY2025 on the November 02, 2025 agenda
 4. Bobby Padilla opened it up for discussion
 1. Mark Benavidez asked if you could mail in a check. Bobby Padilla stated that yes you can mail a check. Margaret Lucero informed members of the PO BOX 102 Montezuma 87731. Phillip Benavidez wanted to make sure on clarification that total amount collected \$0. Bobby Padilla did clarify that all members are up to date nothing has been collected as of today. Mark Benavidez did ask if members were able to pay in advance for years ahead. Bobby Padilla stated as a collector it is better to pay by the year. Helen Padilla also agreed that it would be easier for the collector if it was by the year because it would throw off the collectors.
 5. Anita Baca seconded the motion to accept the collectors report for FY2025 on the November 02, 2025 agenda
 6. All voted-Unanimously
10. Treasurers Report:
 1. **Quarter 1 Report Balances of LGLG accounts**
 1. Margaret Lucero stated that as of the present date, we have a total of 4 bank accounts
 1. Checking account at Southwest Capitol Bank is \$250,000.00

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2. Southwest Capital Bank-IntraFL Cash Serv \$2,376,109.66
3. Southwest Capital Bank Savings account \$15,997.57
4. Charles Swab Money Market account is \$12,000,000.00
2. Total for the amount of \$ 14,642,107.23 We have a Quarterly earned interest of \$81,438.09 as of present date
2. Bobby Padilla asked for a motion to accept the quarterly report for the treasurer
3. Anita Baca made a motion to accept the quarterly report of the treasurer
4. Bobby opened it up for discussion
 1. Ron Duran said Thank You guys for being so proficient. Joann Vigil seconded that.
5. Bobby Padilla seconded the motion to accept the quarterly report for the treasurer
6. All voted -Unanimously

2. Bar Adjustment for interest and expenditures

1. Bobby Padilla asked for a motion to accept Bar Adjustments for interest and expenditures
2. Anita Baca made a motion to accept Bar Adjustments for interest and expenditures
 1. **Increased office supplies to \$5,000.00**
 1. Margaret Lucero stated that we currently have a \$2,000.00 expenditure for office supplies and would like to increase it to \$5,000.00 due to the fact that our increase in supplies for example includes: stamps, ink, paper for printers of the BOT, etc; Margaret Lucero stated that as of right now the LGLG BOT has spent \$1,943.48 for 3 months as of present date.
 2. **Interest income to \$600,000.00**
 1. Margaret Lucero stated that the interest is going up and up if we continue so it would be in the best interest of BOT to increase it to \$600,000.00 so we would not get ding on audits.
 3. **Resolution#10-2026 BAR**
 1. Margaret Lucero read the resolution #10 FY2026 and all 3 BOT signed
3. Bobby Padilla opened it up for discussion
 1. Mark Benavidez asked about the increase in supplies, is it going to be enough? Margaret Lucero stated that she is being conservative right now on being cautious with money spending. Andrew Ortega stated that we should bump up to \$12,000.00 for supplies we are using more now and need to have that extra amount.
4. Anita Baca made a motion to amend the agenda and increase the office supplies From \$5,000.00 to \$12,000.00
5. Bobby Padilla seconded the motion to amend the agenda and increase the supplies From \$5,000.00 to \$12,000.00
6. All voted-Unanimously
7. All voted-Unanamously on amendment on agenda change for the increase of office supplies from \$5,000.00 to \$12,000.00

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11. New Business:

1. THE NEW LGLG OFFICIAL WEBSITE (lowergallinaslandgrant.com)

1. The BOT informed members of The LGLG that we had agreed to pay for Avendona's website and in return we get full rights to her domain name and passwords created. We advised the members of the letter we sent, and an email to purchase. We had not heard from either, so we decided to start one but will not upload till we informed the members of what our ideas were forthcoming on (lowergallinaslandgrant.com.) We advised the members we would like to add a little history there and would like to put pictures of family members (Herederos). We also asked the members about history on how we are all attached to each other (The Ortega's, The Blea's, The Montano's, The Benavidez's, The Padilla's, etc;) Bobby Padilla did state to all members that they are welcomed to send in pictures, information to add to website. The BOT stated that we wanted to address the members before doing anything so we would not be in violation.

2. Bylaws for the LGLG speaker-Bobby Padilla

1. Bobby Padilla stated to the LGLG members that the bylaws have been in "the works" to get done for years now. Ron Ortega gave a little history about how a committee years ago had been working on the bylaws to get them completed and signed, but now in the present we still have not amended anything on the bylaws for The Lower Gallinas Land Grant that are officially signed and dated, he also stated that he would like our bylaws to be done officially by February of 2026 that should be our goal. A discussion was brought up about the bylaws that are at our NMLGC as of present date (Which ones are they?). We the BOT showed the members the bylaws that have been issued for us 3 and now used at the NMLGC as of September 17, 2025. Margaret Lucero explained to all members present that the typed copy of the bylaws that were at the NMLGC were not verbatim, so we had to submit what we the board use with handwriting and crossed out pieces that are the closest ones we have to originals.

3. Update on Mr. Feinberg- FEMA attorney of the LGLG

1. Margaret Lucero informed members present that we, the LGLG had received a letter from our attorney Mr. Feinberg, stating that FEMA was going to offer the LGLG its final determination letter. Right now, we stand at zero for trees and zero for erosion. Ron Ortega asked if NCRS has gone up about the erosion and if they have come up with a plan for the land and the roads. Ron Ortega stated they are going as far out as 2028, and this is something we need to look into ASAP. Margaret stated that we should be hearing from attorney within 30-45 days somewhere in the middle of November/December and we would be looking at having a special meeting to see what they offer if we accept or deny, if denied it will go back to court for hearing. Margaret Lucero asked the members along with Ron Ortega and Andrew Ortega to text her with questions that would help us ask Mr. Feinberg about trees and erosions problems. Ron Ortega stated

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that we need to get a report to see if NCRS has gone up and if not, we need to get them to go up and assess damages.

4. Fence repair and/or new construction on fencing, Road Repair and Mastication (Tree Trimming)

1. **Tree Trimming-** Ron Ortega stated that we need to have a plan in place before doing an RFP or advertising for bids, we would need to make a plan (need to know the location, what are the specs, what are we bidding for, what we have to do to get started and make a map) right now we don't have the specifics or the requirements to move forward. Bobby Padilla stated that we, the BOT would like to set up a 3-person committee to go up get the information needed by our January general meeting with a budget and full report to move forward with advertisement for bids. Ron Ortega stated that he would volunteer, Kathy Archuleta also volunteered. Bobby Padilla asked for a third person, Andrew Ortega also volunteered to go up and get information for the BOT.

1. Bobby Padilla asked who would like to make a motion that Ron Ortega, Kathy Archuleta and Andrew Ortega would be on a tree trimming management committee and report back to BOT in January 2026 general meeting
2. Margaret Lucero made a motion to approve Ron Ortega, Kathy Archuleta and Andrew Ortega to be on a tree trimming management committee and report back to BOT in January 2026 general meeting
3. Bobby Padilla seconded a motion to approve Ron Ortega, Kathy Archuleta and Andrew Ortega to be on a tree trimming management committee and report back to BOT in January 2026 general meeting

4. All voted-Unanimously

2. **Road Repair-** Bobby Padilla stated that we need to go back to basic design and do a mile and a half at a time the road is bad and needs a lot of work. Ron Ortega stated that if we use the right technical advised it is fixable to where runoffs do not go through certain members land and erode their properties, for example Montano's place, Martinez's place. Margaret Lucero asked, "Do we need to get a notarized letter from these members that we have easements to fix the road?" Ron Ortega stated that it would be in the best interest of the LGLG to get a letter from Martinez Estate letting us walk through, get information and a signed paper before we do any bids on project. Kathy Archuleta agreed that Ron Ortega is correct on getting paperwork signed and approved to go through before projects. Phillip Benavidez stated that it is best to get a third-party engineer with qualifications in run offs and road work.

3. **Fencing** – Ron Ortega stated to the members present the LGLG property boundaries to several landowners such as the sub-division called Santa Fe Mountain Ranches, many of our heirs that include the NE corner where

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the John Wright Estate is the Martinez Estate, HWY 65, Los Vigiles, Paul Blea in 2 sections, Candido Ortega, Fidel Montano and the cemetery. Margaret Lucero Bobby Padilla would like to go 50-50 on fencing. Ron Ortega stated that we need to start by talking with Michelle Lord from Santa Fe Mountain Ranches. She is the spoke person for sub-division, Kathy Archuleta stated that she can check with (Tolo) Charles Martinez about contacting someone on the John Wright Estate and Bobby Padilla will speak to DOT about information on boundaries of HWY 65.

12. Old Business:

1. Land Purchase – Davis Property of 72.59 acres
 1. Bobby Padilla read the breakdown of charges on the Davis Property and total amount paid for land announced to members that we are now proud owners of 72.59 acres added to LGLG.
2. Administrative Assistant invoice of \$ 13,635
 1. It was announced to the members present that no contract had been signed and no written duties had been given to Avedona Lucero. Tony Benavidez stated in the September 13, 2025 meeting he had spoken to Arturo at the NMLGC and was told no contract, no pay. Anita Baca also let the members know that we needed to make sure we were not in the wrong, so we spoke to the attorney Scott Aaron on September 17, 2025 to verify no contract no pay and he stated the LGLG is correct in that manner. Ron Ortega read the email that was presented to ALL members the morning of November 02, 2025 by Avedona Lucero acknowledging she understood she was working without a contract.
 1. Bobby Padilla made a motion to not pay Administrative Assistant charges of \$13,635
 2. Margaret seconded the motion to not pay Administrative Assistant charges of \$ 13,635
 3. All voted-Unanimously
3. Avedona's website lowergallinaslandgrant.org
 1. Bobby Padilla stated that the website is a good tool for the LGLG to have, we understand that anyone can purchase a domain name, yet it was not approved by the BOT. Bobby Padilla stated this website that Avedona Lucero created is her website and it cannot be used to represent itself as if it was the LGLG BOT, this website can only be used for informational purposes. Joann Vigil was asked to read Avedona Lucero's letter of the charge for her website totaling amount of \$891.56 that she would like to get reimbursed and broker charge of \$161.49.
 1. Bobby Padilla made a motion not to pay the \$891.56 and the \$161.49 charged for Avedona's website
 2. Margaret Lucero seconded the motion not to pay the \$891.56 and the \$161.49 charge for Avedona's website
 3. All voted-Unanimously
4. Bequeathal of Francisco Peter Martinez Estate

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1. Kathy Archuleta stated to the BOT that this bequeathal is not about membership, it's about following through Peter's wishes after he passed. Kathy Archuleta stated that he wanted to leave something of his to everyone in his family and his last request was to leave his niece with his membership to the LGLG. Bobby Padilla expressed that he is sorry and right now the verbiage on our existing bylaws state that only a husband, wife, son or daughter. Margaret stated that it is a very hard issue to deal with due to the "definition" Andrew Ortega stated that Luis Martinez would have had to of given it to her as his daughter. Phillip Benavidez stated that perhaps it might be something we can change in our future. Bobby Padilla stated that we need to learn from the past and stay focused on moving forward.
 1. Bobby Padilla made a motion that we cannot honor the request at this time on bequeathal
 2. Margaret Lucero seconded the motion that we cannot honor the request at this time on bequeathal
 3. All vote-Unanimously
11. Heir Comments: No Comments written in from members or non-members
 1. Member Comment-3 min max
 2. Public Comment-2 min max
12. Annoucement - Date for next quarterly meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2026
13. Adjournment
 1. Bobby Padilla made a motion to adjourn the meeting
 2. Margaret Lucero seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting
 3. All vote-Unanimously
 4. Meeting adjourned at 1:01 pm