

QUARTERLY MEETING FOR THE LOWER GALLINAS LAND GRANT

DATE –July 19th, 2025

TIME –1:00 pm

LOCATION – Fire Station

Approved Minutes – 8/22/2025

I. Call to order.

Tony Benavidez, Chairman called meeting to order at 1:03pm.

II. Invocation.

Invocation/prayer given by member Avedona Lucero.

III. Roll call of office: Bobby Padilla, Margaret Lucero, Anita Baca, Tony Benavidez.

Tony Benavidez, Chairman – present

Margaret Lucero, Treasurer – present

Anita Baca, Secretary – present

Bobby Padilla – present

Announcement by Chairman Tony Benavidez – The Board of Trustees would like to welcome Anita Baca as secretary to the LGLG board.

IV. Approval of Agenda for General Meeting: for July 19, 2025, meeting

MOTION: Motion to accept the agenda for the July 19, 2025, meeting by Bobby Padilla, Collector

DISCUSSION:

Avedona Lucero, Member – Avedona informed that the agenda for the meeting today does not include an agenda item to review and approve the drafted minutes from the April 19, 2025, meeting and the May 8, 2025, Special Meeting. The drafted minutes from those two meetings will need to be put on the agenda for the next quarterly meeting for review and approval. The minutes are drafted for those two meetings and copies can be obtained from any member of the board or Avedona Lucero, LGLG Admin. Assistant.

SECOND: Second to accept the agenda for the July 19, 2025, meeting by Margaret Lucero, Treasurer

VOTE:

Tony Benavidez, Chairman – Aye

Margaret Lucero, Treasurer – Aye

Anita Baca, Secretary – Aye

Bobby Padilla, Collector – Aye

MOTION PASSED: Accept the agenda for the July 19, 2025, meeting.

V. Introduce Spouses:

Cathy Benavidez - wife, by Chairman Benavidez
Gary Gold - husband, by Member Melissa
Melanie Padilla - wife, by Bobby Padilla

VI. Treasurer's Report. **Needs motion and approval**

- a. Balance on LGLG account, interest and cost of FEMA payment to members.

Margaret Lucero, Treasurer presented the Treasurers report and following highlights:

LGLG balance in accounts is \$14,552,170.50 (includes savings and checking and all other monies in other accounts) as of 6/30/25. Interest received in June \$26,765.94 Interest rate 2.25%

Compensation to members totaled \$12,600,000, each member received \$175,000. Margaret informed that the state does not have a code that directly relates to the disbursement, so she looked for a code that best matched the disbursement.

Expenses: \$169.83 for zoom

Deposits: none, however all membership dues are up to date.

MOTION: Motion to accept the Treasurers report made by Bobby Padilla, Collector.

DISCUSSION:

Kathy Archuleta: How many members were paid? – Board member informed that 72 members were part of the distribution.

Kathy Archuleta: Were the 14 members part of the distribution? Board member informed that a prior LGLG meeting included an agenda item addressing the members that would be part of the distribution. The agenda item was discussed and voted on. The vote included the 72 members on the list at that time and the motion passed.

Tony Benavidez, Chairman: A list of the members paid can be provided upon request.

Avedona Lucero, Member: stated that the process for the distribution required a plan to the DOJ. A plan was provided. Part of the information provided was a list of the 72 members that were in good standing, dues paid up to date. In addition, prior meeting minutes indicate that the payout would only be to the members on the list provided at that time and as of the payout date was the only distribution to be considered.

Andrew Ortega, Member: stated that they were voted in prior to the fire and they were paid out.

SECOND: Accept the Treasurer report, by Tony Benavidez, Chairman

VOTE:

Tony Benavidez, Chairman – Aye

Margaret Lucero, Treasurer – Aye

Anita Baca, Secretary – Aye

Bobby Padilla, Collector – Aye

MOTION PASSED: Treasurers report accepted

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- b. Budget for 2025-2026—all members will have a copy of the new budget.
 - i. Resolution #7 for new budget for 2025-2026

Margaret Lucero, Treasurer presented the proposed FY 2025-2026 budget. Each line item was read out loud and Margaret explained that the board was required to present the budget and complete a resolution by way of signing a resolution to adopt the budget at an LGLG meeting.

MOTION: Motion to accept the FY 2025-2026 budget and sign the resolution at this meeting made by Margaret Lucero, Treasurer.

DISCUSSION:

Kathy Archuleta, Member asked if the contractor has been paid. Chairman informed that the topic of the contractor was an agenda item to be addressed later under “old business.”

Avedona Lucero, Member explained to the membership how the budget adjustment request (BAR) process works and that it would be utilized if ever the LGLG needed to move money to a category where funds were not noted or were not high enough to cover the expense.

Michael Armijo, Member asked if any unused money would roll over or had to be used in the category it was listed under.

Avedona Lucero, Member explained that funds could only be used in the categories listed however BAR’s could realign money as needed.

SECOND: to accept the FY 2025-2026 budget and sign the resolution #7 at this meeting made by Bobby Padilla, Collector.

VOTE:

Tony Benavidez, Chairman – Aye
Margaret Lucero, Treasurer – Aye
Anita Baca, Secretary – Aye
Bobby Padilla, Collector – Aye

MOTION PASSED: the FY 2025-2026 budget was signed and resolution #7 was signed by Tony Benavidez, Chairman and Anita Baca, Secretary.

VII. Collector’s Report. Needs motion and approval

Bobby Padilla, Collector presented the following information regarding collections:

Between 4/21/25 and 7/19/25 the LGLG received and deposited \$3,230 from dues and the most recent road work project.

4/21/25-7/19/25: has received and deposited \$3,230 from dues and road project

MOTION: made to accept the Collectors report by Anita Baca, Secretary.

DISCUSSION:

Avedona Lucero, member asked if all road fees paid?

Bobby Padilla addressed the question and informed that all outstanding road project fees are paid in full!

Bobby Padilla, collector stated that each member is responsible for paying their dues. In the future it is up to each member to pay dues before the meeting starts, he will no longer go out to members to collect dues.

Ronald Duran, member stated it is our responsibility to pay your dues just like any other bill.

Kathy Archuleta, member stated that everyone is aware that they must pay their dues every year and come to meetings, so she urged members to pay their dues and to continue attending meetings.

Tony Benavidez, Chairman informed that meetings are posted at the gate and calls and emails are sent to inform of the times of the meetings. Please come and attend and make your comments or ask your questions.

SECOND – to accept the Collectors report by Margaret Lucero.

VOTE:

Tony Benavidez, Chairman – Aye

Margaret Lucero, Treasurer – Aye

Anita Baca, Secretary – Aye

Bobby Padilla, Collector – Aye

MOTION PASSED: the Collectors report was accepted.

VIII. New Business.

- a. Bequeath Francisco Peter Martinez had left a Will/last Wish before his death in 2022. The Martinez family would like to bring his wishes to the LGLG meeting, his wish that his niece Veronica receive his membership.

Tony Benavidez, Chairman read the agenda item out loud and then opened it up for discussion

DISCUSSION:

Margaret Lucero, Treasurer informed that the board received an email from the Martinez family stating that Peter Martinez wished to bequeath his membership to his niece, Veronica and that the email referenced written documentation of Peter's wishes but the page was blank and the LGLG to date had not received documented support for Peter Martinez's wishes as stated by the Martinez family.

Kathy Archuleta, member announced that the family has a recording with his wishes, and the medical team did last wishes. Kathy stated she did not bring that documentation with her to the meeting and she stated the family is working on Peters estate.

Chairman informed the Board of Trustees (BOT) did some research and referred to the LGLG bylaws and informed of the following information:

- Article VII Membership – No cap on membership passed 11/8/08
- Vacancies – heir is defined as husband, wife, son or daughter.

Andrew Ortega, member stated that the NMLGC does not have a copy of valid bylaws, it is his understanding that the bylaws have not been ratified.

Avedona Lucero, member informed that the LGLG does have a copy of bylaws, that she had provided them to the NMLGC as required once the LGLG became a political subdivision. Avedona read the current/old bylaws that defines heir to include “husband, wife, son, or daughter;” and stated that nieces and nephews are not included in the definition of an LGLG heir.

Margaret Lucero, Treasurer stated that the bylaws are under construction. The LGLG has made mistakes, but the LGLG board is trying to do things according to the bylaws that the LGLG currently has, until they are updated; we are working to do things according to the bylaws we have.

Helen Padilla, member addressed the membership and reminded the membership about when Lloyd Hickman was nominated to be on the board, and he was on the board. She also reminded about her brother-in-law Alex was involved and may have been a member; they were two men that invested in the LGLG and then were told they were not heirs. The BOT at that time did acknowledge the mistake.

Bobby Padilla, Collector stated that there has been a lot of swaying/mistakes, and we need to go straight according to the bylaws. We can't go back.

Roberta Montaña, Member asked when the bylaws sent.

Avedona Lucero, Member informed that they were turned into the NMLGC the year that the LGLG became a political subdivision.

Jonathan Jordan, Member stated that the BOT needs to acknowledge what everyone has said. Looking at what Peter has done so we can try to give the distribution money to his family or estate.

Andrew Ortega, Member stated that the LGLG owes Peter and his estate something, and the BOT have the power to make a special motion to allow his membership and proceeds to go to his estate.

Margaret Lucero, Treasurer stated that a gift or a contribution cannot be done. The Board would have to review that possibility.

Kathy Archuleta, Member iterated that the family is dealing with Peter's estate now. She would like to *request that the agenda for the next meeting include review whether the distribution from FEMA funds that went to members should be given to Peter's estate as well.*

Tony Benavidez, Chairman stated that the BOT is not trying to keep anyone out or not pay anyone. We are held to rules made before us.

Kathy Archuleta, member stated that Peter Martinez was always here for the land grant.

Ron Duran member– I really hope and pray for the guidance for the board to get to the right decision for Peter

Tony Benavidez, Chairman proposed that the LGLG seek council regarding what to do with Peter Martinez' membership and potential qualification for FEMA distribution.

Bequeath of Peter Martinez heirship

1. We received it as a board, Margret did receive a blank copy from Kathy did not print out Peters wishes, Kathy had a copy did not bring it and a recording. He recorded on his phone Kathy stated we were trying to do his wishes he wants Veronica Archuleta as his heir, did research on bylaws and Tony stated we don't date our stuff enough bylaws he received by Jonatan 11-08-08 dates on vacancies by article VII-Membership Tony read Vacancies and Successions

Andrew---by law recorded at land grant council

2. Andrew Stated that the by-laws are not recorded, Andrew said your wrong on the by-laws under land grant commission rules by law of 80 copy has not been ratified and that everyone should honor Peter request.
3. Tony- enough time to speak.
4. Avedona- 1986 submitted land grant copy Article 7, heir immediate family member council has a copy you can read them and have them refer to them.
5. Kathy, I know of a member that was allowed to give his bequeath to his nephew.
6. Tony told her if that happened, we cannot go back we are just going to move forward and do better. Need to follow the rules she said its discrimination, she continued to argue with the Chairmen and accusing the board of discrimination, and the Chairmen made a comment to Ms. Martinez well Kathy Discrimination is Decimation, which she then turned around and told the membership I am going to sue. Two member Andrew Ortega and Kathy Martinez were taking outside of the topic and were accusing the board of not caring for a member who passed away.
7. Avedona- different land grant board examples regarding bequeathal when she was a board member she spoke to Arturo, and he stated the that the LGLG cannot go backward only forward we had bylaws and management plan 2 years ago which have been exited so we had to fall back on bylaws.
8. Margaret -when it first came up, we each looked at the bylaws and we need to follow the bylaws. All presidents have tried to change the bylaws, but it has not happened. The by-laws need to reflect current times. The Board of Trustees is not trying or wanting to disrespectful Peter, we were asked to put the bequeath on the agenda and the family did not bring any other documentation or have asked anything else of the board for Peters estate.
9. Helen Padilla -when Lloyd Hickman wanted to present to the board so by bylaws he couldn't present, Alex spouse of Ester same thing he wasn't allowed Bobby Padilla-we not here and there we have to go straight no option 15yrs ago lets go forward Roberta Marie Montano-not to sure bylaw when were they submitted 1st physical year and recording for Peter 2022 bylaw done way before same bylaws we have used .
10. Jonathan Jordan, understanding we need to move forward agree with Andrew look back give it to his estate \$\$ not about the money it's about his memory to his estate.
11. Tony-we can't acknowledge trying to stick to subject.
12. Andrew-we owe Peter and his estate something any proceeds and you have the power to do that full support and membership if membership urges the board to give \$\$
13. Margart-because it's a gift and or donation we can't do that due to clause we had to stop giving \$\$ to members when family died.

14. Kathy-Peter was alive during the fires.!!!!!!!Kathy asks to be put on the agenda for next meeting Peter and the money for the fires.
15. We are trying to do best for the land grant try to follow rules Kathy-Peter first one to help on land grant (Francisco Peter Martinez 04-07-2023 died) Ron Duran-really hope and pray for guidance to make right decision.
16. Tony is going to seek council on the bequeath and go to nm land grant information.
17. Andrew Ortega-does not dictate what we do we surpass that if we go to the council inform them what we want to do.
18. Kathy when you do communicate, I want to be cc'd and or given a copy, or she can go with them to council.
19. Joann Vigil-if Veronica is a niece she does not qualifies as an heir. no matter what they say.
20. Bobby-he doesn't have to go to council right now.
21. Kathy-you have 72 members you can say yes, yes or no cause the board makes all the discussion.
22. Tony-makes a motion to end discussion
23. !!!!!!!Tony makes a motion to end discussion we need to contact seek advised report back to member how to handle after direction
24. Melvin-are you letting new members in.
25. Helen-put date on membership for letters you give to Anita, and you are welcomed to send in membership by mail
26. Joseph- is member is this a bequeathal
27. Andrew-it's a technical error in bylaws; he listed an heir in his will.
28. Avedona-states our bylaws list an heir as Son, daughter, wife, husband.
29. Kathy-dead issue with you guys, will seek counsel for Peter.

MOTION - by chairman to contact the NMLGC to seek advice regarding acceptance of Peter Martinez request to bequeath his membership to his niece, Veronica Archuleta.

DISCUSSION:

Andrew Ortega, member stated that the NMLGC does not dictate what the LGLG does.

Melvin Ortega, Member asked if the LGLG was letting new members into the LGLG.

Board member stated that membership was currently frozen.

Tony Benavidez, Chairman informed that membership letters can be submitted, and they would be date stamped and held until membership opens again.

Andrew Padilla, Member stated that he listed an heir in his will, and the bylaws include a technical error with regard to definition of an heir.

Avedona Lucero, Member read the definition of an heir from the current bylaws, the ones that were sent to the NMLGC. The definition states that an heir is a "husband or wife or a son or daughter."

Tony Benavidez, Chairman stated that the discussion had to be ended in the interest of time and getting through the agenda.

SECOND – No Second or amended motion made.

VOTE – No vote taken

- b. Tony received a letter of candidacy posted May 8th, 2025.

Tony Benavidez Chairman read the agenda item. He informed that the letter/candidacy application from Kathy Archuleta was post marked May 8, 2025. The deadline for being on the ballot was a post mark of 5/7/25.

COMMENT –

Kathy Archuleta, Member stated that she delivered the letter to the post office in Montezuma, she was informed that the letter is stamped in ABQ. She advised everyone to make sure and send it 3 or 4 days in advance.

Tony Benavidez, Chairman informed that there was still a position available on the board and that if Kathy was interested, she could be appointed to the position.

- c. LGLG seeking to retain a lawyer –need approval

Treasurer, Margaret said it is important to retain an attorney because the LGLG has lots of money and we will be having people up on the land grant and need to protect ourselves.

MOTION– by Margaret Lucero seek to retain a lawyer for the LGLG

DISCUSSION:

Tony Benavidez, Chairman informed that David Benavidez is one of the best attorneys in the state regarding land grants and water rights. He has attempted getting in touch with him and has left message for him but has not heard back from him.

Joann Vigil, Member commented concern regarding the potential difficulty to reach David if he was difficult to reach now.

Andrew Ortega, Member asked if there are policies on retaining an attorney, do you have to get bids?

Margaret Lucero, Treasurer has contacted the DFA to be walked through it.

Kathy Archuleta, Member asked if it is it going to be published to solicit bids

Avedona Lucero, Member informed that the state procurement code would be followed.

Andrew Ortega, member asked if the attorneys considered would be brought to the LGLG and introduced.

Tony Benavidez, Chairman stated that the BOT were appointed as a board to represent you the LGLG.

Margaret Lucero, Treasurer is in favor of bringing attorneys to the LGLG membership. It is important to get an attorney that is familiar with land grants. We do want someone who is informed regarding the land grants.

Andrew Ortega, Member-- Can you put in an amendment to the motion that the attorney be introduced to the membership.

Robert Padilla, Collector directed a comment to member Andrew Ortega asking if he remembered when he, Andrew Ortega, was on the BOT and you did the homework on the attorney for FEMA issues and you wanted to hire him, and he was hired?

Andrew Ortega, Member answered that he approached the board when he was not satisfied with his work.

AMENDED MOTION – that the LGLG move to find an attorney and that they bring the attorneys to the membership by Margaret Lucero, Treasurer

DISCUSSION – none

SECOND – that the LGLG move to find an attorney and that they bring the attorneys to the membership before they are hired by Bobby Padilla, Collector

VOTE:

Tony Benavidez, Chairman – Aye

Margaret Lucero, Treasurer – Aye

Anita Baca, Secretary – Aye

Bobby Padilla, Collector – Aye

MOTION PASSED:

d. Hiring an Accounting– need approval

Chairman stated that the LGG needs help because Margaret is doing a lot of

- i. **MOTION** – to hire an accountant/CPA for the LGLG by Margaret

DISCUSSION –

- ii. Avedona Lucero, member behooves the LGLG to hire and accountant
- iii. **SECOND** – to hire an accountant/CPA for the LGLG by Anita

iv. **VOTE:**

Tony Benavidez, Chairman – Aye

Margaret Lucero, Treasurer – Aye

Anita Baca, Secretary – Aye

Bobby Padilla, Collector – Aye

MOTION PASSED:

e. Realtor on hand–need approval

- i. Chairman – we should purchase property and closer to the LGLG as possible.
- ii. **MOTION** –to hire a realtor by Margaret Lucero

iii. **DISCUSSION**

- i. Michael Armijo, Member asked when does the realtor get paid?
 - ii. Joann Vigil, Member stated that the land grant does not pay the realtor
 - iii. Kathy Archuleta, Member stated that Joann is a realtor and hiring her would be a conflict of interest.
 - iv. Joann Vigil, Member informed it wouldn't be a COI because it would be in the purchase agreement it would be disclosed
 - v. Andrew Ortega, Member asked if contracting a realtor was it in the budget? Margaret Yes, it is we have a item number for contract services.
 - vi. Avedona Lucero, Member informed that there is a line item in the budget for contracted services.
 - vii. Margaret Lucero, Treasurer informed that the LGLG can ask for a BAR, the line item can be increased if needed.
 - viii. Tony Benavidez, Chairman asked a general question - What does it take to retain a realtor?
 - ix. Joann Vigil, Member informed that the land grant is not going to pay the realtor it is the seller. It is up to the seller if they want to pay the realtor who brought the business.
 - x. Andrew Ortega, – do we need a realtor? Margaret, yes, we should have one to be prepared when a property comes available.
 - xi. Joann Vigil, Member – yes, it is best you get a realtor
 - xii. Avedona Lucero, Member stated – Yes that is how property is found. Roberta Montano – Laurie Griffo is also a realtor
 - xiii. **SECOND** – to hire a realtor by Bobby Padilla
 - xiv. **VOTE:** Tony Benavidez, Chairman – Aye, Margaret Lucero, Treasurer – Aye, Anita Baca, Secretary – Aye, Bobby Padilla, Collector – Aye **MOTION PASSED:**
- f. New Mexico Land Grant Council—the BOT is preparing all the required documents from the NMLGC- which is due September 19th, 2025. This is one of 4 processes to receive any revenue from the Land grant Merced. Anita will read out the required documents for the Annual Report. We will sign them when they are completed, and we all verify that all information is placed in the document.
- i. ****Annual Report** - certification of the compilation of an annual report for FY 2025 (per §49-1-12; §49-4-13).
 - ii. **Annual Revenue** - certification of the land grant-Merced's annual revenue for FY 2025 (§49-11-6, NMSA 1978).
 - iii. **Bonding** - certify and provide proof that the appropriate officers have been bonded (as per §49-1-8; §49-4-9);
 - iv. **Election** - certify and provide proof that the land grant-Merced has had an election within the past 4 years (as per §49-1-5; §49-4-7).
 - v. Margaret explained what is required by the NMLGC, there are certifications that are required.
 - vi. Avedona Lucero – showed the book and explained the certification

- vii. Certifications were signed by Chairman and other required position
- o Set our 2025-2026 LGLG meetings: Meetings must be in each quarter,
 - QTR 1: July 19th, 2025
 - viii. QTR 2: October thru December 2025
 - ix. QTR 3: January thru March 2026
 - x. QTR 4: April thru June 2026

Kathy Archuleta suggested- 10/18/25 (Saturday)

QTR 3

JOANNE VIGIL 3/21/26 (SATURDAY)

RON DURAN – SUGGEST THE 3RD SATURDA OF EVERY MONTH

Melissa gold – on the first month of the quarter to make sure there is time

Helen Padilla – check with the fire department for the availability

Brandyn Jordan – 1/17/26

QTR 4 – 4/18/26

MOTION –to set the final three quarterly meetings as follows made by Margaret Lucero

Qtr 2 be 10/18//25, Qtr 3 be 1/17/26, Qtr 4 be 4/18/26 by Margaret Lucero

SECOND by Chairman

VOTE:

Tony Benavidez, Chairman – Aye

Margaret Lucero, Treasurer – Aye

Anita Baca, Secretary – Aye

Bobby Padilla, Collector – Aye

MOTION PASSED:

IX. Old Business.

a. Financial Advisor Meeting

- i. Debbie Andrews is a financial advisor-Margaret and Tony went to Albuquerque Bobby and Margart met with Debbie, it was open meeting, states what she has to offer and say makes sense since we got FEMA \$\$ “they” are in a hurry to make rules for us having to do with \$\$ because other land grants don’t agree with us Margret would like us to meet with Debbie our account at Southwest Community Bank is at 2.25 percent with Debbie we could receive 4 percent interest, and as LGLG group we can decide what we could do with our \$\$\$ Andrew-if you (24,000) a month making less Bobby-it’s not a market that

were going to lose \$\$ (48,000) double it Melanie Padilla explains on how it works at 4 percent Tony-has 1 question can we withdraw \$\$ at any time, correct yes correct. We can move money around also nothing different is just more money on interest Tony- likes her important piece of advice Debbie Andrews gives get a lawyer get a good lawyer to protect land grant \$\$ be good investment Bobby-stated you can go talk with her when every you want

- ii. Tony-entertained motion for Debbie Andrew as our financial advisory to invest our money Margret makes motion bring Debbie Andrew into one of our meetings to inform members open for discussion
 - iii. Kathy what's the difference from a bond or is interest higher now, we have to wait for money to mature Joann-understand if you have a bond verses Debbie you don't know if bank will go under it is secure Melanie-money is always secure... Margret-example is big 250,000 is insure we think its insure through bank and if money market falls you're not guaranteed money insured it better to have it insure Brandan Jordan-what is the financial intuition Charles swab invest Helen-stated Brandon-do we know what type of account it would be put into in every saving acct isn't always insure if money goes down then our money goes down for example "have special meeting and table meeting for now to get questions answered" Margaret-suggested need to get information table discussion information provide ahead of time she can send out information to every one she has talked to Arturo perhaps can help Margaret-resend Tony if we table Brandon can you please be there asking questions that need to be asked.
 - iv. Tony & Margret pull motion back let's get Debbie Andrews advise first
 - i. second motion all in favor. all board members passed vote is unanimous motion passed.
- b. Property that the LGLG was looking at was sold Bobby will give more details.
 - i. . Property we were looking forward to being sold and we can't go back.
- c. FEMA is requesting new information about the dates when members paid dues and other details that we have just to receive.
 - i. FEMA has requested dates as to when members paid, Margaret-sent names of all 72 members that paid dues in May, 2025, FEMA is asking for dates, and detailed information on the exact amount a member paid their dues and when Feinberg wasn't in office at time to speak to in detail about exactly FEMA needed, Margret is waiting for Mr. Feinberg to call back. Feinberg and his crew went up to LGLG 07/18/25 doing research on rejection for tree loss having to do with payment on partial payment Melvin-board members are you looking at giving more \$\$ to us Tony-said no, this past week there was a meeting at Highlands state representatives were there they did not ask questions on us giving members \$\$ we were under pressure on \$\$\$ given no, not right now we have to be physically responsible to helping members we not Andrew Ortega-96-97 thousand we should give it back to the state tax money

for next year we don't have to membership on budget we can take ourselves off list Margaret-correct we can get off their yearly \$\$ (budget) we receive from them put it on an email if you would like to put it on the agenda for next meeting, we do not have updated bylaws done, yes if our membership wants to give up \$\$\$ we have to do it correctly.

- ii. Andrew- I would like to put it on the agenda next meeting for October 18th I would like to be heard.
 - iii. Tony will call for no further discussion
- d. The Board of Trustee has received two letters for membership; Letter from Alyssa Sena and Letter from Zebadiah Jordan, no action will be taken. Acknowledged that they were received.
- i. Tony-we are not going to take any action on them cannot be read, membership frozen the committee must verify lineage and will present to the board at regular quarterly meeting for that agenda at that time next meeting voting haven't done research on letters not going to entertain motion anyone want to speak.
 - ii. Alyssa-asked about her 2 min Andrew-are you doing it correctly about membership Bobby- explain that we had to stop membership till we get everything back into order we are accepting letters Andrew-what was the protocol to freezing up membership was it done correctly Margart-yes there is, we are using the bylaws for membership explain bylaw membership Alyssa-question when did you guys as a board agree to close member March 1st and are you violating membership bylaw Kathy-reason wasn't read forgot to put letter on agenda Kathy-are we following agenda Andrew-30 days of public knowledge open meetings act we sent information we have a meeting in quarterly meeting 20 days short why is she getting penalized legal action Joann-everyone makes mistakes Andrew-not trying to make an issue Alyssa-said you didn't do it correct
 - iii. Tony; Discussion closed
 - iv. Kathy-reconsider her application
 - v. Tony, we will consider but not now
- e. Update on road work Bids by Bobby
- i. Update on road work Rocky Mountain forestry has put in for a bid Michael Armijo Tolo (Charles Martinez) took guys up to mountain LGLG, waiting on second bid been waiting and waiting and guy wouldn't show up we need to put no bid, showing no show will be considered as a bid
 - a. Andrew-we need 3 bids Bobby-yes, we need 3 bids minimum have 2 we don't have 3 asking you for your company, can we get a bid?

- b. Andrew-being a member would you compensate me for going and asking the public/companies for bids, no you should donate your time “advertise”
- c. Kathy stated Bobby-trying his best Kathy-said advertise.... Tony order, order.
- d. Kathy-this should have been done months ago Kathy-thought board should have done it.
 - ii. Tony & Margaret, we already did a motion and followed process.
 - iii. Do we have motion, now we are going to publish it
 - iv. Tony-closed discussion will advertise
- f. Contact officers by email, phone or text if you have questions about scheduled meetings. Officers’ information is as follows:
 - i. Tony Benavidez, Chairman - tonylglg@yahoo.com 505-652-5346.
 - ii. Margaret Lucero, Treasurer lglgtreasurer@gmail.com 505-525-1572.
 - iii. Bobby Padilla, Collector lglgcollector@gmail.com
 - iv. Anita Baca, Secretary lglgsecretary@gmail.com

X. Heir Comments.

Tony

- a. Please approach us in a respectful way, Tony asked, Bobby-did you go to college Anita did you go to college, do you have a secondary education Anita-no Margret-yes we are trying to get correct information Tony-I am a board member now and for a long time had a chance to be on the board before Helen-our father, grandfathers could get along together it breaks my heart it hurts that no one can get along the fights Kathy-only reason I brought it up just to advertise, are we going to get into trouble Bobby-we have someone now, but if members agree we going to advertise it Margart-I keep reading book on situations and re-reading getting on web site re-reading book Melvin-thank you I am no expert Andrew- you should know the laws to stand by and follow, Helen-next time you need to sign up run for board Andrew-every time we have to fight get off the boardTony-said Mr. Ortega thank you close discussion Tony-if you have a question, you can call us and we can help you out

Bobby-

- b. When we decided to give \$\$\$ it was for the members to help 2 men cried one negative stated just here for inheritance where there is a negative always a positive I’m just here to let you know if you’re not happy get together all members get a petition going and get us out and run for board yourselves.

Margret

- c. Stated she wants members to understand we put \$\$ into helping our members, did you know many families didn’t get compensation, from FEMA and have had many hardships because of the fires and with the money that FEMA gave it was a way for the LGLG members to get some relief agree with Bobby we don’t need to be here if you do not want us as board members you can vote us out.

Kathy-

- d. First thank you guys' you are learning we don't know the system we need to learn sorry don't need to come in negative found property Davis property is on sale 72.59 acres bounded by 3 sides of the land grant would benefit LGLG Kathy said it's not listed should we get it the part that bounded by our land grant Special meeting for property on the Davis, Andrew said why don't we buy the whole place Andrew in favor, Kathy has 2 residents that you must maintain. Bobby-do we have to take bottom half can we get a survey on land or break it up; whole land and sub divide Mark-why don't we sell other land Mr. Davis came before board he didn't know where the land was surveyed at when he bought property, he never had survey. Tony-were going to have a special meeting end of discussion
- e. Tony-have a year left Margret & Bobby been here for a long time going for a transition right now second board under land grant council we do struggle were learning it's a learning process we the board we took it on, for election he (Tony) was the only one that ran, put in your name for board, yes we are responsible for all accusations.
- f. **Mark Benavidez**-sorry we missed out on property don't want to miss out on anything else if there's a way to get place, cut section off could we sell if we dived property, thank you guys takes a lot of time we are all together keep it going don't let anyone take it from us.
- g. **Gary Esquibel** asked to see if he could get his son in submitted his name back in the days suggested if it is possible Bobby -have him submit letter to the board and we will give you receipt on it was submitted for your records and ours Tony will get ahold of Gary Esquibel to give him process of submitting a request for membership.

XI. Public Comment: 2 mins

- a. Alyssa Sena-members of the public a letter for membership was given to Tony on March 1st 2025 board informed me I would be added to April meeting did not receive any confirmation no notice till 4 months later you were elected and voted in trust and understanding for fairness have ethical standards remind all members who they voted on to entrust and protect their rights there is inadequacy and incompetence on the board and need to be held accountable official raise concerns-why application wasn't included in this meeting agenda, why no public record or information showing membership freeze exist why has my letter for active bylaws not been acknowledge, why in July meeting letter is under old business with no action will be taken, last clarification on hiring of administrative assistance no mention of hiring in meeting minutes, not accusation being made on the board, the board needs to fulfill request stated in letter and a copy for Allyssa with bylaws also a copy of her signature receiving bylaws Tony-did agree acknowledge information copy given
- b. Attached is a detail copy of the letter she read from. No form attached, **pre-Mr. Aarons advise.**

XII. Adjourn

MOTION: - motion to adjourn meeting made by Margaret Lucero, Treasurer

DISCUSSION - none

SECOND: - to adjourn the meeting by Bobby Padilla, Collector

VOTE:

Tony Benavidez, Chairman – Aye

Margaret Lucero, Treasurer – Aye

Anita Baca, Secretary – Aye

Bobby Padilla, Collector – Aye

MOTION PASSED – meeting adjourned at 4:41pm