

Lower Gallinas



Land Grant

Bobby Padilla
Chairman/
Collector

Anita Baca
Secretary

Margaret
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Special Meeting for the Lower Gallinas Land Grant

La Sieritta-Merced

Date: Saturday, May 09, 2026

Time – 1:00pm

Location: La Placita Fire Station

APPROVED MINUTES

Adopted Minutes: May 22, 2026

1. Meeting was called to order by Bobby Padilla
2. Invocation was done by Renee Anguiano
3. Roll call of officers: Bobby Padilla (Chairman, Collector) present, Margaret Lucero (Treasurer) present, Anita Baca (Secretary) present.
4. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Anita Baca made a motion to approve the agenda for May 9, 2026
 - b. Bobby Padilla opened it up for discussion-no discussion was made.
 - c. Margaret Lucero seconded the motion to approve the agenda for May 9, 2026
 - d. All in favor-**vote is unanimous.**
5. Approval of Draft Minutes Feb 8, 2026
 - a. Margaret Lucero made a motion to approve and accept February 08, 2026, special by laws meeting minutes.
 - b. Bobby Padilla opened it up for discussion-no discussion was made.
 - c. Anita Baca seconded the motion to approve and accept February 08, 2026, special by laws meeting minutes.
 - d. All in favor-**vote is unanimous.**

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6. Chairman Bobby Padilla addressed the LGLG members on our Bylaws Packet, he told us a story when he was growing up this man would say work together it's easier when there is a project to get done. It is easier to get it done if you simply just work with each other. In life when I was older this man would always remind me that working together makes life better. Bobby Padilla remembered when he used to play basketball and how the team would also work together. He remembered when he went overseas and this same man still said worked together. This man is old already and said to me I heard you're a Chairman now. This man, the Chairman explained, is my father. My sister sent me a picture once and it was my father with his hands united. I remembered what this man always said. The Chairman addressed the members of LGLG and asked them, "what does this picture tell you?" Margaret Lucero stated it means we are united as a land grant, as is his hands, our hands working together. Chairman, Bobby Padilla, stated that we need to work to together as a land grant and reminded us that starting from July 2026, we will be using our new Bylaws, and he also wanted everyone to look in their packets on page 3 it will show your heirs.

7. Land for Sale

- a. Bobby Padilla stated that we need a building for our land grant. Davis property is still for sale and on the road going towards the Ortega's there are also 4.5 acres of land for sale along with a cabin. The 4.5 acres is smaller, but we can make a nice building to have our meetings. The city will also lease property, and we can put a building there as well. Tony Benavidez asked if anyone has called or spoken to anyone about what the lease numbers are. BOT stated they would rather purchase property and it would increase our land grant. Andrew Ortega stated that the Davis property had dropped to 2.7 million without water rights. Helen Padilla asked if we could modify the fire dept. Joann Vigil let us know that the 4.5 acres of land is going for \$265 thousand. Melvin Ortega asked, "what about where

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the old school use to be is that land available?” Paul Martinez said there was a bad water leak in the cabin that is for sale with 4.5 acres and he stated we should make something on top of the hill of LGLG. Andrew Ortega said we do need a building but the cabin with 4.5 acres is in the flood zone in his opinion leasing is out for him, and we should fix the road and build on top of LGLG. Mark Benavidez also stated that he is not opposed to buying more land and it would be nice if it also included water rights. Ron Duran asked who is going to upkeep these buildings and can we take a show of hands perhaps a list to upkeep on the buildings or who is going to volunteer. Henrietta Trujillo stated that in her opinion what is the need for our land grant and why can’t we utilize the land that we have right now? Andrew Ortega also stated the property above 4.5 acres is also for sale it about 5 acres for \$825 thousand. Bobby Padilla stated okay well let’s keep looking and see what we can come up with.

8. Compensation

- a. Our Chairman Bobby Padilla stated it’s been a year ago when we all met to give compensation to our LGLG members and we threw out a number option and a lot of the members said \$250 thousand dollars. The Board of Trustees originally gave \$175 thousand dollars to our members and as of today the LGLG has \$14,640,050.40. Looking back right now with everything that is going on with FEMA, a lot have people still have not received anything and there are people still fighting with attorneys. We had a meeting on April 18,2026 and the BOT put some numbers together to see if we could help out just a little more to get us to our original goal of \$250 thousand dollars, from last year and with this number we came up on cost would be \$4.3 million which leaves the LGLG with \$10,260,050.40. The BOT

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thought it would be fair because all of the members are doing the best they can do with what has happened with the fires and floods. We want to give each member \$60,000 each to help out because we have a lot of hard-working men and women. Bad news is that we wanted to give out checks today, but the money is still pending. Checks are ready and they are at the bank, but the bank wants to make sure all funds are settled. We know that people came from out of the country and some from out of state, so we are going to have a couple of different meeting places to distribute the compensation checks. Monday morning at the Southwest Capital Bank in Las Vegas on 622 Douglas Ave from 9:30am to 11:30am and people that are closer to or live in Albuquerque area, we will be at the Southwest Capital Bank on 1410 Central Ave SW from 1:30pm to 5:00pm. The members that live out of state, The BOT will be sending them certified mail. Bobby Padilla our Chairman asked if there were any questions- No Questions were asked. Margaret Lucero stated that Anita Baca would send an email to everyone with the addresses and times of distribution.

9. Adjournment

- a. Margaret Lucero made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:55pm
- b. Bobby Paddilla opened it up for discussion-no discussion was made.
- c. Anita Baca seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:55pm
- d. All in favor-**vote is unanimous.**