

## MEETING MINUTES

Merced de Santo Tomas Apóstol del Rio de Las Trampas

Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting, Escuelita in Las Trampas, July 11, 2024

Present: Alex Lopez, Arnold Lopez, Sam Lopez, Ruby Lopez and Pat Aguilar

Purpose of the Meeting: to finalize Fiscal year 2025 budget, approve FY 2025 Budget Resolution, approve FY 2024 Quarter 4 Budget Report Resolution and discuss Surety Bond Quote.

Meeting called to order by Alex Lopez at 10:04 a.m. Five Board members present constitutes a Full Quorum.

Key Actions: Reviewed Agenda. **Motion by Pat, seconded by Sam to approve agenda as posted. Motion passed unanimously.**

Reviewed May 9, 2024 draft minutes. **Motion by Arnold, seconded by Ruby to approve approve the May 9, 2024 minutes with no changes. Motion passed unanimously.**

Reviewed Arnold's updated record of the FY 2024 budget. Discussed changes proposed by Arnold to submit as our FY 2025 budget. **Motion by Arnold, seconded by Sam that FY 2025 budget be approved as presented by Arnold. Motion passed unanimously.**

Reviewed FY 2025 Budget Resolution presented by Arnold. **Motion by Pat, seconded by Ruby that Resolution No. 2025-4 FY 2025 Final Budget Adoption be approved. Motion passed unanimously.**

Reviewed Resolution No. 2025-5, FY 2024 Final Quarter Financial Report presented by Arnold. **Motion by Pat, seconded by Sam that Resolution No. 2025-5 be approved as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

Discussed the Surety Bond Quote presented by Arnold. The Land Grant Council has stated that we're required to double the amount of coverage to \$400,000. Arnold will discuss with the Council representatives to promote that \$200,000 should be adequate.

Sam presented 5 new membership applications for approval. Sam reviewed each application to ensure each had a tie to a name on the 1913 list of heirs. **Motion by Pat, seconded by Arnold that all 5 members be approved as members of the Land Grant. Motion passed unanimously.** New Members approved are Maria Virginia Vigil, Lawrence John Vigil, Evangelina Isabel Uribe, Jimmy Narciso Martinez and Vivian Vigil Hrivnak.

Board of Trustees updates on agreed 2024 Action Plan items:

1. Gravel the Plaza Area – Alex: No change. Waiting for reauthorization from State regarding excess allocation for the Wood Splitter. Expect to hear after new fiscal year begins, perhaps by September.
2. Entering Las Trampas Land Grant signs on Highway 76 – Pat: A request will be made to the DOT for one more sign to place in Rodarte at entrance to Llano de San Juan.

3. Land Grant sign for the Plaza Area – Alex: Alex stated that the NM Historical Society has responsibility for development of historical signs. Alex completed an application form to them (Max Sainz, member of the Historical Board). It was agreed that Alex will pursue placing a map of the Land Grant on one side and his description on the other side of the sign.
4. Obtaining wood and managing distribution of firewood – Arnold: Forest Service has decided that they will provide wood Ojo Sarco, Las Trampas, Truchas, Santa Barbara and Picuris. Wood delivery is planned for some time in the Fall. Pat expressed concern that Ojo Sarco is part of the Las Trampas Land grant and should be included as part of Las Trampas by the Forest Service. Arnold will schedule a meeting with the District Ranger to discuss this concern. Pat stated that he would like to be present at this meeting.
5. Obtaining land in Las Trampas for a Headquarters Office – Alex: No land is currently available for purchase. Alex has obtained agreement from Tommy Romero to use his land for processing the logs noted in No. 4 above to firewood and to distribute the wood from that site.
6. Managing and Coordinating Legislative requests for tours and meetings – Ruby: No requests.
7. Sharing knowledge of Land Grant corners and boundary lines on-the-ground with Land Grant Board and members – Arnold: Arnold will schedule a date for Board Members to view corners on the ground in late August or September.
8. Developing a posture size map of the Land Grant by the State Forester’s Office--Pat. Each Board member was asked to review the pdf map that Pat sent to each and to recommend any revisions. At a minimum, verify Forest Service road numbers to ensure they’re on the map.
9. Development of a Website – Pat: The website is available at [lastrampaslandgrant.org](http://lastrampaslandgrant.org). Additional information will be added over time. Board members suggested that approved minutes be included.

**Motion by Arnold, seconded by Sam that meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pat Aguilar', written in a cursive style.

Pat Aguilar, Secretary