

MEETING MINUTES

Merced de Santo Tomas Apóstol del Rio de Las Trampas

Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting, Escuelita in Las Trampas, October 10, 2024

Present: Arnold Lopez, Sam Lopez and Pat Aguilar, Board Members, plus Virgil Vigil, Member.

Purpose of the Meeting: to approve a local BAR & Resolution, to share results of the DOT surplus equipment day and to discuss our involvement of Forest Service management of Common Lands.

Meeting called to order by Arnold Lopez at 10:02 a.m. Three Board members present constitutes a Quorum.

Key Actions: Reviewed agenda. **Motion by Pat, seconded by Sam, that the agenda be approved as posted. Motion passed unanimously.**

Reviewed the draft minutes for our September 12, 2024 meeting. **Motion by Arnold, seconded by Sam, that the minutes of our September 12, 2024 meeting be approved as drafted. Motion passed unanimously.**

Arnold discussed the need for a local BAR and presented a draft of Resolution No. 2025-6, A RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUEST(S) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025. **Motion by Arnold, seconded by Sam, that we approve the BAR and Resolution No. 2025-6. Motion passed unanimously.** Resolution was signed by Arnold for the President and by the Secretary.

Arnold reported that Alex, Sam and he attended the DOT Surplus equipment day but they found nothing that the Land Grant could use.

Pat discussed the need for our Board to appoint a Coordinator/Liaison to serve as the Board's lead in reviewing the Carson National Forest Plan sections that apply to the Common Lands and to stay abreast of Forest Service projects within the Las Trampas Land Grant. The Coordinator/Liaison would report findings/information to the Board at each meeting. Forest Service management would be added to the annual list of Board of Trustees agreed-to action plan items so that it is included on the agenda for all monthly meetings. Arnold suggested that this item be included in our next meeting agenda for action.

Reviewed two new applications for membership, Anna Marie Torres and Mario Juaquin Torres. **Motion by Sam, seconded by Pat, that we approve these 2 applications for membership. Motion passed unanimously.**

Sam presented his Treasurer's Report. We currently have \$196,437.44 in checking and \$140.20 in Savings. There is a \$300.00 difference between the bank statement and the Treasurer's general ledger because the NM Land Grant Consejo has not cashed the Las Trampas Land Grant Dues Check. Of the \$196,437.44 in checking, \$150,000 of this has been set aside and earmarked for future land purchase for our headquarters site. **Motion by Pat, seconded by Arnold, that the Treasurer's Report be approved. Motion passed unanimously.**

Board of Trustees updates on agreed 2024 Action Plan items:

1. Gravel the Plaza Area – Alex: No report since Alex wasn't present. Last meeting minutes shows No change. Waiting for reauthorization from the State regarding excess allocation for the Wood Splitter.
2. Entering Las Trampas Land Grant signs on Highway 76 – Pat: A request has been made to the DOT for one more sign to place in Rodarte at entrance to Llano de San Juan. Haven't heard back from DOT on whether the sign has been ordered.
3. Land Grant sign for the Plaza Area – Alex: Arnold reported that Alex heard from the Historical Society. They did not approve our recommended wording for the sign but sent wording for a sign they would like to place on Hwy 76 at the entrance of the Land Grant from the west. Arnold presented the Society's approved wording. It was the Board's feeling that we should consider developing our own sign to place on the Land Grant's parking lot by the Church. This would be in addition to the sign the Society wants to place along Hwy 76.
4. Obtaining wood and managing distribution of firewood – Arnold: Logs are currently being delivered to the Tommy Romero site. The contractor expects to complete delivery of the 42 log loads (250 cords of wood) by the end of next week. Arnold stated that wood processing will not begin until all logs are delivered so that we are not in the way of deliveries. He suggested that we determine how we will process and make the wood available during the next meeting.
5. Obtaining land in Las Trampas for a Headquarters Office – Alex: Not present for an update.
6. Managing and Coordinating Legislative requests for tours and meetings – Ruby: Not present for an update.
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.
8. Developing a posture size map of the Land Grant by the State Forester's Office--Pat. Pat stated that he will obtain a Forest Service road map from the Carson National Forest which shows all FS roads and he will use those road numbers to update the map for the next revision.
9. Development of a Website – Pat: Pat stated that he will send Morgan all the approved minutes for 2024 so that she can upload them onto the Website.

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.



Pat Aguilar, Secretary