MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LOS LUNAS
THURSDAY, APRIL 9,2026

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Los Lunas, County of Valencia, and State of New Mexico met Thursday, April 9, 2026 in regular session at 6:00PM. Roll call was taken, and the following were present: Mayor Charles Griego, Councilor Gino Romero, Councilor Christopher Ortiz, & Councilor Matthew Chavez. Councilor James Runyon was excused. The meeting was conducted in person and recorded through TEAMs.

Mayor:	Charles Griego
Mayor Pro Tem:	Christopher Ortiz
Council:	Matthew Chavez James Runyon (Excused) Gino Romero

Also present were: Gregory D. Martin, Mykayla Moody, Nancy Jo Gonzales, and Emily Flores. In accordance with Ordinance 114A, the following agenda was prepared and circulated as required:

1. ***Consideration and Approval of Appointments to the Lodgers Tax Advisory Board (Two-Year Terms)***
2. ***Approval of Certificate of Deposit with UMB Bank***
3. ***EXECUTIVE SESSION:***
    a. ***Hire Administrative Assistant – Administration Department***
4. ***APPROVAL OF MINUTES:***
    a. ***Minutes from March 26, 2026, Council Meeting***
5. ***ADJOURNMENT.***

- **CALL MEETING TO ORDER.**

At 6:00PM, Mayor Griego brought the meeting to order and welcomed the audience.

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Mayor Griego asked Vanessa Montoya to lead the Council and TEAMS participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **PUBLIC INPUT FORUM.**

Mayor Griego asked the audience if there was anyone who wanted to address the council that did not have an item on the agenda – There were none.

1. *Approval of Certificate of Deposit with UMB Bank*

Ms. Victoria Archuleta was running a few minutes late so Mayor Griego switched items 1 & 2 to give her time to get there. Ms. Cheryl Cates presented the first item. I'm here tonight to get approval or disapproval for the opening of a new certificate of deposit account with our new UMB bank in the amount of $200,000 for a term of six months with a maturity date of September 13th, 2026. The account will earn interest at a rate of 3.25%. This approval is requested to proceed with the establishment of the account in accordance with the Bank's requirements. We are hoping to just put this in the sweep account and let it roll so that we do not have to come back here every six months. We are wanting this to be the only time we bring this to council. We currently have two institutions which are Kirtland Credit Union and Sunward, we do not have CD's with those institutions but we do have money in them. Mayor Griego asked if there were any additional questions – there were none. He then asked for a recommendation from council.

APPROVAL:	Motion to approve.
MOVED:	Councilor Romero
SECONDED:	Councilor Chavez
CARRIED:	Motion passed on a vote of **3 (Councilor Romero – yes; Councilor Ortiz – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) FOR AND 0 AGAINST**.

2. *Consideration and Approval of Appointments to the Lodgers Tax Advisory Board (Two-Year Terms)*

Ms. Victoria Archuleta presented item two. We are seeking approval of the appointment of a newly reformed lodgers tax board. The letter provided states that we are recommending 5 members which Vanessa (Assistant Finance Director), Nancy Jo Gonzales (Deputy Village Administrator) and I have all met and discussed the recommendations for a two-year term. By state statute, we need to have two members who are owners and operators of lodging facilities, two members must be owners and operators of industries located within the municipality that provide services or products related to tourism, and one member must be a resident of the municipality

to represent the public. Some of their responsibilities include drafting and providing input, general approvals, and guidance for the annual budget. We are seeking to meet on a quarterly basis and bring forward projects and ideas of long-term goals that we would like to see come out of the Lodgers Tax Fund. The goal is to promote tourism and bring more people to Los Lunas. Per state statute, the funds do have to be spent outside the area to bring people in. This would include billboards, electronic signs, promotion on New Mexico Living, etc. "The Roads Less Traveled" just doesn't stick the way it used to and will need to be revised, that is something we can do as a board. We are recommending the following to our board: Mr. Santosh Mody, Mr. Moe Patel, Ms. Teri Leahigh, Mr. Arturo Romero, and Dr. Don Leach. Mayor Greigo asked if the council had any additional questions – there were none. Mayor Griego asked for a recommendation.

APPROVAL: Motion to approve.
MOVED: Councilor Ortiz
SECONDED: Councilor Romero
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of **3 (Councilor Romero – yes; Councilor Ortiz – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) FOR AND 0 AGAINST**.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Griego announced that the Council would be going into executive session pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1(H), the following matters may be discussed in a closed session: Hiring of an Administrative Assistant.

APPROVAL: Motion to approve
MOVED: Councilor Romero
SECONDED: Councilor Chavez
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of 3(Councilor Romero – yes; Councilor Ortiz – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) FOR AND 0 AGAINST. 6:18 PM

At 6:34 PM, Mayor Griego asked for a motion from Council to reconvene after discussion: Hiring of an Administrative Assistant.

APPROVAL: Motion to approve.
MOVED: Councilor Ortiz
SECONDED: Councilor Romero
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of 3(Councilor Romero – yes; Councilor Ortiz – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) FOR AND 0 AGAINST.

Regarding the Administrative Assistant – Mayor Griego recommended Emily Rose Lucero

APPROVAL: Motion to approve.
MOVED: Councilor Romero
SECONDED: Councilor Chavez
CARRIED: Motion passed on a vote of 3 (Councilor Romero – yes; Councilor Ortiz – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) FOR AND 0 AGAINST.

4. MINUTES

Mayor Griego asked if there were corrections to the Council minutes of March 26, 2026 – there were none.

APPROVAL: Motion to approve.
MOVED: Councilor Ortiz
SECONDED: Councilor Chavez
CARRIED: Motion passed on vote of 3 (Councilor Romero – yes; Councilor Ortiz – yes; Councilor Chavez – yes) FOR AND 0 AGAINST.

5. ADJOURNMENT.

Council meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

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Gregory D. Martin, Village Administrator **Charles Griego, Mayor**