

**EASTERN SANDOVAL CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**10 January 2022**  
**4:00 PM**

1. **Call to order.** George Franzen called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.
2. **Roll Call.** The following Directors were present, representing a quorum: George Franzen, Peter Adang, Wayne Gaede, Jim Harre, Jacques Ramey, Richard Reif, and Jean Roberts. Not present: Tony Hull.
3. **Minutes:** Minutes from the December meeting were accepted.
4. **Introduction of Guests:** Chris Daul, Mary-Rose DeValladares (LPT representative), Erica Wendel-Oglesby (ESCA representative to the Sandoval Regional Medical Center).
5. **Monthly Reports**
  - A. Sandoval Regional Medical Center (SRMC) report: Erica Wendel-Oglesby reported that she attended the SRMC Community Advisory Committee meeting on December 15. SRMC officials reported that they had to cancel over 100 surgeries in November because they were overwhelmed with COVID patients. They have also had to use 50 traveling nurses, which is very expensive. Erica is asking other organizations to thank the SRMC staff, and she asked that we do the same, perhaps in the Signpost article for February.
  - B. Treasurer's Report: Wayne Gaede reported a balance for ESCA on December 31, 2021 of \$35,477.24. Income for the month was \$450.00 from member dues and interest of \$0.14. Expenses were \$11 in bank fees. The balance for LPT on December 31 was \$32,499.99, which included income of \$0.14 interest.
  - C. IT Report: Jim Harre reported that ESCA has 96 members, of which 44 are joint memberships, for a total of 140 votes.
  - D. LPT Report: Mary-Rose reported on efforts to protect the Buffalo Tract from gravel mining. Administrative action would mean that the Secretary of Interior would withdraw the land from mining for an extended period to ensure that no rights to the land can be established while the Buffalo Tract Protection Act is moving through Congress. George Franzen, Mary-Rose DeValladares, Sandy Johnson from Las Placitas Association, and a representative from Santa Ana Pueblo plan to meet with a key Bureau of Land Management (BLM) official later in January to discuss this approach. A potential meeting at BLM headquarters in the next few months would provide an opportunity to request the removal of mining from the Resource Management Plan for our area. Mary-Rose reported no further movement on the legislation, but that the next step is a hearing on the House side of Congress.
6. **Old Business:**
  - A. Develop a presence on "Next Door" was postponed until the next meeting. – Open – Tony Hull.
  - B. Tony Hull's issues of importance (suggestion to send a letter from ESCA to the Fire Chief and other County authorities) – Open – Tony Hull

**7. New Business:**

A. Appoint Virginia Jordan to the open "At- Large Director Position". George Franzen proposed adding Virginia Jordan to fill the position left vacant by John McNerney's departure from the board. Virginia would become an At-Large Director, while Tony Hull would move to the District 4 position. Jim Harre moved that we adopt this plan, and the Board approved unanimously. - Closed

**8. Open Discussion:**

Jean Roberts will write an article for the February Signpost that will include developments related to protecting the Buffalo Tract that Mary-Rose provided, and an overview of Erica's SRMC report, including a thank you to the staff. She will also add brief bio information on Virginia Jordan.

9. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 pm.

**Next meeting: 4pm, 14 February 2022 via Zoom.**