

EASTERN SANDOVAL CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes
14 NOVEMBER 2022
4:00 PM

- A. Call to order.** George Franzen called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.
- B. Roll Call.** The following Directors were present, representing a quorum: Peter Adang, George Franzen, Wayne Gaede, Jim Harre, Virginia Jordan, Rich Reif, and Jean Roberts. Tony Hull and Jacques Ramey were absent. Ron Overley and Mary-Rose de Valladares, co-chairs of the Land Protection Trust (LPT), were also present.
- C. Minutes:** Minutes from the October 10 meeting were approved.
- D. Introduction of Guests:** Chris Daul.
- E. Monthly Reports**
- a. Treasurer's Report: Wayne Gaede reported a balance for ESCA as of October 31, 2022 of \$38,403.21. Income for the month included \$275 in dues and \$0.16 interest. Expenses included \$100.24 for the annual meeting and \$3.50 in bank fees. The balance for LPT as of October 31 was \$32,501.28, which included income of \$0.13 interest.
 - b. IT Report: Jim Harre reported that, since the last meeting, ESCA had six membership renewals, for a total of 133 votes.
 - c. Land Protection Trust (LPT) Report: Mary-Rose reported she is preparing to send a letter to the Natural Resources Subcommittee to provide additional for protecting the Buffalo Tract. The letter will include maps of mines in four counties to show that Placitas is overburdened by mines. The letter will also demonstrate the importance of the Buffalo Tract to protect wildlife by including a New Mexico Department of Transportation study that recommends extending a wildlife corridor from the Buffalo Tract across I-25. Mary-Rose said she is hoping that the Buffalo Protection Act will be bundled with other small pieces of legislation into a single bill to be voted on before the end of the current Congressional session on January 3.
- F. Old Business:**
- a. Elections for At-Large Board Members: George reported that all at-large directors were re-elected. —CLOSED
 - b. Lessons Learned from the Annual Meeting: Virginia and Jean reported that the speakers were well-received, but that we had more food than needed because of the brevity of the social half-hour. The Board discussed having a social period of a full hour next year, possibly having the event at the Placitas Winery, and possibly opening the meeting to the community. The Board will consider these points next year when planning the annual meeting. —CLOSED
 - c. Compensation for Library for Meetings: The Board agreed to compensate the library at the rate of \$50 for each monthly meeting and \$100 for the annual meeting. —CLOSED

- d. Approval of LPT Board for 2022 and 2023, and Individuals to Sign Checks: After a brief discussion, Jim Harre moved that Dick Ulmer be removed from the LPT bank account, and Ron Overley and George Franzen added to the account as co-signers of LPT checks. Wayne Gaede second the motion, which passed unanimously. — CLOSED

G. New Business

- a. 2023 Draft Schedule for Meetings: After the date for the April Adopt-a-Highway cleanup was revised, Virginia moved that the Board accept the 2023 schedule. Wayne seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. — CLOSED
- b. Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup: George reported that the cleanup on October 22 was successful, with 14 members helping to pick up five bags of trash. — CLOSED
- c. 2023 Annual Budget: Wayne presented the proposed 2023 budget. Jean will check on the cost to have the annual meeting at the Placitas Winery next year so that we can adjust the budget if the expense is reasonable. The Board will consider the revised budget at the next meeting. — OPEN—Wayne, Jean
- d. Closed Executive Session for ESCA and LPT Issues: The board held the executive session. — CLOSED

H. Open Discussion:

Signpost article: The Board agreed that Jean would include of the At-Large Directors election, results of the highway cleanup, and information about the New Mexico Department of Transportation wildlife corridor recommendation.

- I. **Adjournment**: The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 pm.

Next meeting: 4:00 pm, December 12, 2022 in the Gracie Lee Room of the Placitas Community Library.