

EASTERN SANDOVAL CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes
9 JANUARY 2023
4:00 PM

- A. Call to order.** George Franzen called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
- B. Roll Call.** The following Directors were present, representing a quorum: Peter Adang, George Franzen, Wayne Gaede, Virginia Jordan, Jacques Ramey, Rich Reif, and Jean Roberts. Jim Harre and Tony Hull were absent. Mary-Rose de Valladares, Chair of the Land Protection Trust (LPT), was also present.
- C. Minutes:** Minutes from the December 12 meeting were approved.
- D. Introduction of Guests:** Dwight Bozarth from the Overlook subdivision of Placitas attended. He inquired about adding Overlook to the ESCA coalition of HOAs and whether the subdivision needed to pay dues. Dwight will take the information the Board provided back to the Overlook Board for their evaluation.
- E. Monthly Reports**
- a. Treasurer's Report: Wayne Gaede reported a balance for ESCA as of December 31, 2022 of \$38,039.34. Income for the month included \$350 in dues and \$0.16 interest. Expenses included \$750 for insurance, \$500 in donations to the Placitas Community Library for ESCA's annual and monthly board meetings, and \$5.98 in bank fees. The balance for LPT as of December 31 was \$32,501.54, which included income of \$0.13 interest.
 - b. IT Report: Jim Harre reported that ESCA has 90 regular members and 34 joint members, for a total of 134 votes.
 - c. Land Protection Trust (LPT) Report: Mary-Rose reported that the Buffalo Tract Protection Act and other land and water bills were not included in the omnibus bill at the end of 2022. She plans to urge reintroduction of the bill in the new Congressional session, and she will provide small gifts of New Mexico pistachios to thank our delegation in Washington for their support in 2022. Mary-Rose also will pursue Interior Department administrative withdrawal of the Buffalo Tract from gravel mining, and she will contact Santa Ana Pueblo to encourage their continued support for these actions.
- F. Old Business:**
- a. 2023 Annual Budget: Wayne presented the annual budget and recommended minor revisions. Virginia moved to approve the budget with the revisions, and Peter seconded the motion. The budget was approved by unanimous vote. —CLOSED
- G. New Business:**
- a. Signpost schedule: Jean reported that the Signpost has now moved to a biweekly format. Publication dates this month are January 6 and 20, and articles are due 10 days before the

publication date. They promised to send a calendar for the publication dates this year, and they would like a photo each time, if possible. They also plan to publish weekly starting sometime this spring. Jean said she told them we would not have an article for every issue and that the ESCA board decides on article content at our monthly meetings. Jean will reiterate her request for the publication calendar.—OPEN—Jean

H. Open Discussion:

- a. Signpost article: The Board agreed that our next article would discuss why we need to stop mining and next steps. The January 6 Signpost article by Bill Diven had already covered the news that the Buffalo Tract Protection Act was not part of the omnibus bill passed at the end of 2022. Dwight offered to provide photos of the Buffalo Tract, and George will provide photos of the current mine for comparison.

- I. **Adjournment**: The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 pm.

Next meeting: 4:00 pm, February 13, 2023 in the Gracie Lee Room of the Placitas Community Library.