

EASTERN SANDOVAL CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes
13 FEBRUARY 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, Jim Harre, Tony Hull, Virginia Jordan, Rich Reif, and Jean Roberts. Jacques Ramey was absent. Mary-Rose de Valladares, Chair of the Land Protection Trust (LPT), was also present.
- C. Minutes:** Minutes from the January 9 meeting were approved.
- D. Introduction of Guests:** Chris Daul
- E. Monthly Reports**
- a. Treasurer's Report: Wayne Gaede reported that our income tax form was submitted. He also reported a balance for ESCA as of January 31, 2023 of \$38,146.05. Income for the month included \$375 in dues and \$0.16 interest. Expenses included bank fees, domain name renewal, Quicken subscription renewal, and the income tax filing fee. The balance for LPT as of January 31 was \$32,501.67, which included income of \$0.13 interest.
 - b. IT Report: Jim Harre reported that ESCA has 49 regular members and 82 joint members, for a total of 131 votes. Jim has also contacted Wordpress to urge more frequent updates, given that the system runs slowly.
 - c. Land Protection Trust (LPT) Report: Mary-Rose reported that the New Mexico delegation to Congress is considering the strategy for re-introducing the Buffalo Tract Protection Act. Mary-Rose also will pursue Interior Department administrative withdrawal of the Buffalo Tract from gravel mining, and she plans to meet with tribes and other local entities to build unified support for administrative withdrawal. She also provided some history on plans for transmission lines that could be routed through or near Placitas. Mary-Rose recommended contacting the New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission Authority (RETA) for a schedule of potential public meetings. Tony Hull volunteered to research health and safety implications of high-power transmission lines near populated areas.
- F. Old Business:**
- a. Signpost update: Jean reported that the Signpost now publishes every other week but plans to go to a weekly schedule in March. She will again request more specific timing, but submissions will most likely continue to be due 10 days in advance of the publication date. For the March 3 edition, the deadline for submissions is February 21. —OPEN—Jean
- G. New Business:**

- a. PUP Program: George reported that a Placitas resident has contacted ESCA to ask for support for a campaign asking dog-owners to pick up after their pets on trails and streets. Virginia proposed that instead, we provide waste cans and bags at the entrances to the BLM land and the Albuquerque Open Space. Virginia will get quotes, and George will check on land ownership where we would place the items. —OPEN—Virginia, George

H. Open Discussion:

- a. Signpost article: The Board agreed that our next article will report that ESCA has re-engaged on the Buffalo Tract Protection Act and Department of Interior/BLM administrative withdrawal of the land from gravel mining. The article will also mention the upcoming highway cleanup.

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

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