

**EASTERN SANDOVAL CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**10 July 2023**  
**4:00 PM**

- A. Call to order.** President George Franzen called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
- B. Roll Call.** The following Directors were present, representing a quorum: George Franzen, Wayne Gaede, Jim Harre, Tony Hull, Virginia Jordan, Jacques Ramey, and Jean Roberts. Peter Adang and Rich Reif were absent.
- C. Minutes:** Minutes from the June 12 meeting were approved.
- D. Introduction of Guests:** Chris Daul.
- E. Monthly Reports**
1. Treasurer's Report: Wayne Gaede reported a balance for ESCA as of June 30 of \$39,019.02. Income for the month included \$225 in dues and \$0.16 interest. Expenses included the \$210 post office box renewal fee, \$50 for Placitas Chamber of Commerce membership renewal, and bank fees of \$5.25. The balance for LPT as of June 30 was \$32,502.31, which included income of \$0.13 interest.
  2. IT Report: Jim Harre reported that ESCA has 47 standard members and 34 joint members, for a total of 115 votes.
  3. Land Protection Trust (LPT) Report: On behalf of LPT Chair Mary-Rose de Valladares, George reported that Jean has drafted a list of Buffalo Tract developments so far this year, including suggestions from George and Mary-Rose de Valladares. The draft will be sent to the board for approval, and the final version will be sent to ESCA members to keep them informed of our efforts. George also explained the BLM rulemaking proposal that would elevate consideration of conservation and landscape health in their deliberations. Mary-Rose has drafted a response to the BLM request for comments, which ESCA, Las Placitas Association, and Santa Ana Pueblo will jointly submit. George recommended sending this to ESCA members as well. In response to a question from Virginia, George said that the planned June meeting with BLM Deputy Director Nada Culver, did not occur and is still pending.
- F. Old Business:**
1. Transferring ESCA funds to a new financial institution: Jim reported on the much higher interest rates we would garner by transferring our accounts, which the board discussed. Wayne made the following motion, which was seconded by Tony, and passed unanimously:  
  
Open two business accounts with US Eagle Credit Union.  
  
For the ESCA account, leave \$5,000 in the current US Bank, open a basic account at US Eagle with a deposit of \$5, open a US Eagle checking account with a deposit of \$5,000, and open a US Eagle money market account with the remaining funds. The US Bank checking account will be

closed after a few months once pending payments have cleared, and those funds will be moved to US Eagle.

For the LPT account, \$2,000 will be deposited into a checking account at US Eagle, and the remaining funds will be deposited into a money market account at US Eagle.

The US Eagle accounts will have three board officers as signatories: George Franzen (President), Wayne Gaede (Treasurer), and Jean Roberts (Secretary).

2. Non-Renewal Member Status: George asked the District Directors for the status of their attempts to reach former ESCA members who have not renewed. Efforts are ongoing. Virginia will track the County Commission meeting agenda to see if we have enough information for a periodic newsletter or “five things you need to know” mailing to members. Tony will try to contact appropriate officials to speak at an ESCA-sponsored community event. –OPEN—Virginia Jordan, Tony Hull, District Directors
3. ESCA and LPA Postcard Campaign: ESCA and the Las Placitas Association are planning a postcard campaign to all Placitas residents regarding potential gravel mining on the Buffalo Tract. –OPEN –George

#### **G. New Business:**

1. Adopt-A-Highway Sign: Wayne reported that the ESCA Adopt-a-Highway sign on Hwy. 165 has been bleached by the sun and is unreadable. George will contact Phil Messuri to ask him to request a replacement. OPEN – George

#### **H. Open Discussion:**

1. Signpost article: The Board agreed that an article could feature the postcard campaign once we have more details. The Buffalo Tract developments letter could also be crafted into article after it has been sent to ESCA members.
2. Potential Construction at 165 and I-25: Jean addressed a recent question from a Placitas resident about a possible facility to be built on the southeast corner of Hwy. 165 and I-25 that could cause traffic, pollution, and other concerns. The company that had been designated as the developer said the potential buyer of the lot has backed out. The land is zoned M-1 for light manufacturing and is owned by Bernalillo. Chris Daul commented that the land could be used for retail or residential.

- I. **Adjournment**: The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.

**Next meeting: 4:00 pm, August 14, 2023, either via Zoom or at the Placitas Community Library.**