

**EASTERN SANDOVAL CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**14 August 2023**  
**4:00 PM**

- A. Call to order.** President George Franzen called the meeting to order at 4:11 pm.
- B. Roll Call.** The following Directors were present, representing a quorum: George Franzen, Wayne Gaede, Tony Hull, Virginia Jordan, Jacques Ramey, Rich Reif, and Jean Roberts. Peter Adang and Jim Harre were absent.
- C. Minutes:** Minutes from the July 10 meeting were approved.
- D. Introduction of Guests:** Chris Daul and Erica Wendel-Oglesby
- E. Monthly Reports**
- Sandoval County Regional Hospital Advisory Board:** Erica reported on two meetings. In the April 26 meeting, the hospital is weighing sustainability strategies to streamline operations. For example, the hospital is now under University of New Mexico Hospital licenses, and they do not have to discharge and readmit when a patient is transferred between UNM and Sandoval Regional hospitals. They are using the mil levy passed in the previous election to enhance behavioral health and trauma operations. In the June 28 meeting, the hospital reported that it had staffing gaps that it was trying to fill, and that it had won a \$1.4 million grant. They are working on a 988 suicide prevention hotline. In response to a question from Tony, Erica will check on services for dementia and other issues pertinent to the eastern Sandoval population.
  - Treasurer's Report:** Wayne Gaede reported a balance for ESCA as of July 31 of \$38,771.05. Income for the month included \$100 in dues and \$0.16 interest. Expenses included the \$323.64 fee for Fat Cow to host our website for the next three years, \$20.99 to renew our domain name, and \$3.50 in bank fees. The balance for LPT as of July 31 was \$32,502.44, which included income of \$0.13 interest.
  - IT Report:** George reported that ESCA has 47 standard members and 34 joint members, for a total of 115 votes. We have had nine renewals since the last meeting. George also reported that Jim Harre renewed our domain name registration and achieved a price reduction from domain host Fat Cow for the next three years.
  - Land Protection Trust (LPT) Report:** George reported that BLM Deputy Director Nada Culver has assured him that a decision on the Buffalo Tract administrative withdrawal will happen soon.
- F. Old Business:**
- Transferring ESCA funds to a new financial institution:** Wayne reported on the extremely time-consuming but successful effort to open accounts for ESCA and LPT at the US Eagle Credit Union. For now, the new ESCA and Land Protection checking and savings accounts at US Eagle have \$100 in each, for a total of \$400. Wayne was told that new investment opportunities with higher interest rates will become available in October, so he will keep most of the ESCA and LPT funds at US Bank until he can evaluate these new options at US Eagle. --CLOSED--

2. Non-Renewal Member Status: George noted that ESCA district directors' efforts to contact members who haven't renewed appears to be working. –CLOSED–
3. ESCA and LPA Postcard Campaign: George reported that the original plan for postcards to Placitas residents may be cost prohibitive. ESCA and LPA are considering alternatives such as email. –OPEN -George

**G. New Business:**

1. No new business.

**H. Open Discussion:**

1. Signpost article: The Board agreed that an article is premature.

**I. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

**Next meeting: 4:00 pm, September 11, 2023, at the Placitas Community Library.**