

EASTERN SANDOVAL CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes
11 September 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, Rich Reif, and Jean Roberts. Peter Adang and Jacques Ramey were absent.
- C. Minutes:** Minutes from the August meeting were approved.
- D. Introduction of Guests:** Chris Daul and Mary-Rose de Valladares.
- E. Monthly Reports**
- Treasurer's Report:** Wayne Gaede reported a balance for ESCA in US Bank as of August 31 of \$39,021.48. Income for the month included \$900 in dues and \$0.16 interest. Expenses included \$420 to renew Membership Works, \$100 to open a checking account at US Eagle Credit Union, \$100 to open a savings account at US Eagle, and bank fees of \$29.73. At US Eagle, ESCA had incoming funds of \$100 for the new checking account and \$100 for the new savings account. The August 31 total of ESCA's accounts at both institutions was \$39,221.48.

The US Bank balance for LPT as of August 31 was \$32,302.57, which included income of \$0.13 interest and outgoing funds of \$200 to set up a checking and savings account at US Eagle. The US Eagle accounts reflected those incoming funds. The August 31 total of LPT's accounts at both institutions was \$32,502.57.
 - IT Report:** Jim reported that, since the August meeting, ESCA has had nine membership renewals. We now have 46 standard members and 33 joint members, for a total of 112 votes.
 - Land Protection Trust (LPT) Report:** Mary-Rose reported no movement on the Buffalo Tract legislation, and that BLM Deputy Director Nada Culver has assured her that a decision on the Buffalo Tract administrative withdrawal will happen soon. On the BLM's Resource Management Plan, we need to be prepared in case it is released soon because the public comment period will be only 30 days.
- F. Old Business:**
- ESCA and LPA Mailing Campaign:** Jim Harre is working on an email to ESCA members through which they can click on a button to send an email to officials at the Department of Interior and the BLM in support of administrative withdrawal of the Buffalo Tract from gravel mining. –OPEN
-Jim

G. New Business:

1. Motion to Support for the Placitas Elementary School Parent-Teachers Organization (PTO): Jim Harre moved that ESCA donate \$1,000 to support the PTO of the Placitas Elementary School. Wayne Gaede seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously. – CLOSED
2. Annual Meeting: The board agreed to hold the annual ESCA meeting on December 3 at the Placitas Community Library rather than on October 8 to avoid scheduling conflicts with the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta and other community events.—OPEN
3. Election for District Directors: George will contact the District Directors separately to ask if they are willing to continue for another term. Jim will send out an email to members asking for any self-nominations, and he will prepare email ballots for the vote.—OPEN—George, Jim.

H. Open Discussion:

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

I. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 pm.

Next meeting: 4:00 pm, October 9, 2023, at the Placitas Community Library.