

EASTERN SANDOVAL CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes
8 January 2024
4:00 PM

- A. Call to order.** President George Franzen called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm at the Placitas Community Library.
- B. Roll Call.** Directors present, representing a quorum: George Franzen, Wayne Gaede, Jim Harre, Phil Messuri, Jacques Ramey, Rich Reif, and Jean Roberts. Tony Hull was absent. Virginia Jordan has resigned.
- C. Minutes:** Minutes from the December meeting were approved.
- D. Introduction of Guests:** Chris Daul and Land Protection Trust (LPT) Chair Mary-Rose de Valladares.

E. Monthly Reports

1. Treasurer's Report: Wayne Gaede reported a balance for ESCA in US Bank as of December 31 of \$4,550.82. Income for the month included \$75 in dues and \$0.01 interest. Expenses were bank fees of \$2.48. At US Eagle, ESCA had a balance at the end of December of \$35,364.74. Income for the month was \$0.04 in interest on the savings account and \$131.27 on the CD, and no expenses. The total of ESCA's accounts at both institutions was \$39,915.56.

The US Bank balance for LPT as of December 31 was \$2,302.90, with no income or expenses for the month. The US Eagle account balance for LPT at the end of December was \$30,336.94. Income for the month was \$0.04 in interest on the savings account, \$112.52 in interest on the CD, and no expenses. The total of LPT's accounts at both institutions was \$32,639.84.

After a brief discussion of the 2024 budget, Wayne moved that we maintain the 2024 budget at the same level as the 2023 budget for each line item. Jim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Wayne reported that he filed IRS Form 990 and paid taxes due. He also noted that he will work with Karen Cox to review our financial records for accuracy.

2. IT Report: Jim Harre reported seven membership renewals since the last meeting. We now have 23 joint members and 46 standard members, for a total of 110 votes.
3. Land Protection Trust (LPT) Report: Mary-Rose de Valladares reported that the BLM process to withdraw the Buffalo Tract from gravel mining is moving forward. After review by the Washington DC office, the withdrawal document will be released for public comment. The BLM is also working on the Resource Management Plan for our area and that BLM funds may be available for development of recreational opportunities. George and Mary-Rose will meet with Sandy Johnson of Las Placitas Association to discuss ESCA's prospective role.

F. Old Business:

1. Buffalo Tract withdrawal and beyond: Discussion covered in the previous topic with Mary-Rose. OPEN -- Board

G. New Business:

1. Approval of Phil Messuri as ESCA At-Large Director: Approval was unanimous. Phil noted that he planned to continue as the ESCA Adopt-A-Highway coordinator.—CLOSED
2. District Directors' function on the ESCA Board: Board members noted that making all directors "at-large" rather than "district" would allow for broader recruitment opportunities when new board members are needed and ensure that ESCA communicates equally to all members. Jim moved that we eliminate District Directors and make all board positions At-Large Directors, which will require a change in the bylaws. Phil seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Phil will review the bylaws to determine how to proceed with the change. – OPEN—Board
3. Zoom meetings for monthly board meetings: The board discussed whether to continue with monthly in-person meetings with Zoom available as an option for those unable to attend in person, or to move some or all meetings to Zoom. The board agreed that no change was necessary.—CLOSED
4. ESCA involvement with Sandoval County Planning and Zoning: The board agreed to discuss this topic further, regarding plans for use of the Vulcan mine land in Placitas once operations are completed.—OPEN—Board.

H. Open Discussion:

1. Signpost article: No article needed at this time. The board briefly discussed how to improve communications with ESCA membership, such as a monthly report on upcoming County Commission meetings and a quarterly review of what we have done. The board agreed to discuss membership communications and new membership campaign ideas at a future meeting.

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

Next meeting: 4:00 pm, February 12, 2023, at the Placitas Community Library.