

EASTERN SANDOVAL CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes
12 February 2024
4:00 PM

- A. Call to order.** President George Franzen called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm at the Placitas Community Library.
- B. Roll Call.** Directors present, representing a quorum: George Franzen, Wayne Gaede, Jim Harre, Phil Messuri, Jacques Ramey, and Jean Roberts. Rich Reif was absent. Tony Hull is no longer serving on the board.
- C. Minutes:** Minutes from the January meeting were approved.
- D. Introduction of Guests:** 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 January 31 of \$4,824.23. Income for the month included \$550 in dues and \$0.02 interest. Expenses were the New Mexico tax filing fee of \$50, Quicken subscription of \$63.55, annual meeting costs of 152.85, and bank fees of \$10.21. At US Eagle, ESCA had a balance at the end of January of \$35,496.54. Income for the month was \$0.04 in interest on the savings account and \$131.76 on the CD, and no expenses. The total of ESCA's accounts at both institutions was \$40,320.77.

The US Bank balance for LPT as of January 31 was \$2,302.90, with no income or expenses for the month. The US Eagle account balance for LPT at the end of January was \$30,449.92. Income for the month was \$0.04 in interest on the savings account, \$112.94 in interest on the CD, and no expenses. The total of LPT's accounts at both institutions was \$32,752.82.

Wayne reported that Karen Cox has copies of our financial records to review for accuracy.

2. IT Report: Jim Harre reported that the website is having problems with backups, and that he is working with the provider on a solution. He has updated the comments section on the website and set up a new method for validating mail. Jim also reported 10 membership renewals, including the president of the Vista de Oro HOA. We have 46 standard members and 32 joint members, for a total of 110 votes.
3. Land Protection Trust (LPT) Report: Mary-Rose de Valladares reported that the BLM is working on the Resource Management Plan (RMP) for our area and looking for a fiscal agent to manage BLM funds that may be available for development of recreational opportunities on the Buffalo Tract and the Crest of Montezuma. Mary-Rose will research the requirements. She also noted that the RMP will be able to use the language from the pending Placitas Withdrawal document, which would withdraw the area from all mineral mining for 50 years. She expects the Placitas Withdrawal to be posted in the Federal Register this week, which then starts a 30-day final

comment period for the public and the Governor of New Mexico.

ESCA will begin monitoring the work of the Sandoval County Planning and Zoning Commission.

F. Old Business:

1. Buffalo Tract withdrawal and beyond: Discussion covered in the previous topic with Mary-Rose. OPEN – Board
2. District Directors Function on the ESCA Board of Directors: Phil Messuri moved that ESCA should eliminate District Director positions and make all board positions At-Large Directors, so that any member can serve as a director, regardless of their location within the ESCA area. Jim Harre seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously. Phil and George will work on wording for a communication to ESCA members, who will need to vote on the bylaw change. They noted that to pass, the issue requires two-thirds approval of those who respond. OPEN – Phil, George.

G. New Business:

1. Dismissal of an ESCA Board Director: Tony Hull was removed from the board in keeping with ESCA bylaws that require a director to be a member in good standing.—CLOSED
2. Adopt-A-Highway: Phil reported that the next highway cleanup is scheduled for April 27. Jim will send out an email calling for volunteers. OPEN—Phil, Jim

H. Open Discussion:

1. Signpost article: No article needed at this time.

I. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Next meeting: 4:00 pm, March 11, 2024, at the Placitas Community Library.