

**EASTERN SANDOVAL CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**15 April 2024**  
**4:00 PM**

- A. Call to order.** President George Franzen called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm at the Placitas Community Library.
- B. Roll Call.** Directors present, representing a quorum: George Franzen, Wayne Gaede, Phil Messuri, Rich Reif, Jean Roberts, and Myron Temchin. George welcomed new Board member Gary Madee. Jacques Ramey and Jim Harre were absent.
- C. Minutes:** Minutes from the March meeting were approved.
- D. Introduction of Guests:** Land Protection Trust (LPT) Chair Mary-Rose de Valladares, Las Placitas Association Chair Sandy Johnson, and Chris Daul.
- E. Monthly Reports**
- Treasurer's Report:** Wayne Gaede reported a balance for ESCA in US Bank as of the end of last month of \$5,977.74. Income included \$650 in dues and \$0.02 interest. Expenses included credit card fees (formerly called bank fees) of \$18.67. At US Eagle, ESCA had a balance at the end of last month of \$35,753.04. Income included \$0.04 in interest on the savings account and \$132.72 on the CD, and no expenses. The total of ESCA's accounts at both institutions was \$41,730.78.  
  
The US Bank balance for LPT as of last month was \$2,302.90, with no income or expenses for the month. The US Eagle account balance for LPT at the end of last month was \$30,669.78. Income for the month was \$0.04 in interest on the savings account, \$113.76 in interest on the CD, and no expenses. The total of LPT's accounts at both institutions was \$32,972.68.  
  
Phil Messuri moved that Wayne should send only summary monthly financial reports by email to the Board and not bank statements, to improve the security of our information. Myron seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
  - IT Report:** On behalf of Jim Harre, George reported five membership renewals. ESCA has 34 standard members and 47 joint members, for a total of 128 votes.
  - Land Protection Trust (LPT) Report:** Mary-Rose de Valladares reported that the Interior Department is expected this week to sign the approval to withdraw the Buffalo Tract, the Crest of Montezuma, and two other small parcels from mineral mining for 50 years.
- F. Old Business:**
- District Directors Function on the ESCA Board of Directors:** George confirmed that the ESCA membership approved the proposed bylaw change to eliminate District Director positions and

make all board positions At-Large Directors. The bylaw change will be notarized and submitted to Sandoval County as required. CLOSED.

2. Adopt-A-Highway: Phil noted that the next highway cleanup is scheduled for April 27, 9-11 am. Jim will send a notice to ESCA members. CLOSED.

**G. New Business:**

1. Approval of New Board Member: George confirmed that Gary Madee has joined the ESCA Board, as approved by Board members in an email vote. CLOSED
2. Communications With Members Regarding the Buffalo Tract: This topic was tabled until the May meeting. OPEN--Board
3. Status of the Buffalo Tract Project: Myron and Mary-Rose provided an overview of progress on recreational development of the Buffalo Tract in advance of a meeting on April 16 with BLM officials. OPEN—George, Myron, Mary-Rose.

**H. Open Discussion:**

1. Signpost article: No article needed at this time. Sandy Johnson and the Board agreed that ESCA should combine article efforts with LPA, which has the lead on the Buffalo Tract issue.
2. Vulcan Mine: Myron expressed concern that Vulcan may not be in compliance with the agreement between Sandoval County and owner Mt. Adams. The Board agreed that he should do a preliminary review of the draft report. The Board will in turn review his findings and decide next steps. OPEN—Myron, Board.

- I. **Adjournment**: The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm.

**Next meeting: 4:00 pm, May 13, 2024, at the Placitas Community Library.**