

EASTERN SANDOVAL CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes
14 April 2025
4:01 PM

A. Call to order: President George Franzen called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

B. Roll Call: Directors present, representing a quorum: George Franzen, Wayne Gaede, Gary Madee, Phil Messuri, and Jean Roberts. Also present: Mary-Rose de Valladares, Co-Chair, Land Protection Trust.

Absent: Jim Harre, Jacques Ramey, and Rich Reif.

C. Minutes: Minutes from the March meeting were approved via email.

D. Introduction of Guests: None

E. Monthly Reports

1. Treasurer's Report: Wayne Gaede reported a balance for ESCA in US Bank as of the end of last month of \$5,346.15. Income included \$325 in dues and \$0.02 interest. Expenses included credit card fees of \$9.19. At US Eagle, ESCA had a balance at the end of last month of \$37,254.66. Income included \$0.04 in interest on the savings account and \$115.78 on the CD, and no expenses. The total of ESCA's accounts at both institutions was \$42,600.81.

The US Bank balance for LPT as of last month was \$2,312.90, and no expenses for the month. The US Eagle account balance for LPT at the end of last month was \$31,956.94. Income for the month was \$0.04 in interest on the savings account, \$99.24 in interest on the CD, and no expenses. The total of LPT's accounts at both institutions was \$34,269.84.

2. IT Report: No report because Jim Harre was unexpectedly absent due to illness.
3. LPT and LPA Report: Mary-Rose reported that Senator Heinrich plans to reintroduce the bill to protect the Buffalo Tract from gravel mining. Introducing it at this time will enable the bill to go through the lengthy legislative process and position it for potential passage by the end of the year. The BLM will be working with Los Placitas Association (LPA) and the local tribes to map trails on the Buffalo Tract, which will assist in producing the recreational management plan.

Mary-Rose also reported that one of Senator Heinrich's staffers suggested that we apply for an earmark that could be used to preserve historical documents in our area. The Sandoval County Historical Society board has decided not to participate, and UNM has also decided it lacks the capacity to provide a curator to assist in the project. The Placitas Community Library Board Chair Lynnette Fields will discuss the plan with her board later this week.

4. Coronado Soil and Water (CSW)/Sandoval County Fire Emergency Response:
Gary Madee reported no further developments on the fuel reduction issue. He also noted that State Senate Bill 33 passed the legislature and was signed by the Governor. The bill provides \$12 million to identify and map priority areas where fuel reduction efforts will be critical for wildfire preparedness. The focus of this effort will differ from the Firewise program. Gary will check with CSW to learn the status of their fuel reduction plans. —OPEN - Gary

F. Old Business:

1. 2024 ESCA Accomplishments: George reported that he has responded to each question asked on the survey. The board discussed that the answers can serve as part of our report on accomplishments or as position statements. —OPEN—George, Phil, Jean
2. Highway Cleanup: Phil reported that a local 4-H group will participate in the April 26 cleanup, working in the parking area, while other volunteers handle the area around the exit ramps. The Sandoval Signpost may cover the effort. —CLOSED

G. New Business:

1. Air Quality Monitoring System: Wayne is continuing to research and will report his findings in a future meeting. —OPEN—Wayne
2. Position on the Board: George urged board members to consider possible candidates. —CLOSED

H. Open Discussion:

1. Sandoval County, Vulcan, and ESCA Meeting: George reported that the March meeting was less productive than expected, largely due to technical problems. County attorneys plan to examine the reclamation agreement with Vulcan. The board agreed that George would continue to stay in contact with Commissioner Bruch to better understand the county's position once the attorneys have reviewed the agreement. —CLOSED
2. ESCA Board and Future Projects: Discussion covered under Old Business.
3. ESCA Events: Jean asked board members whether we are duplicating listings of events sent out by other local organizations. The board agreed that we should continue our monthly emails.

- I. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 pm.

Next meeting: 4 pm, May 12, 2025, ONLY ON ZOOM