

EASTERN SANDOVAL CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes
13 May 2024
4:00 PM

- A. Call to order.** President George Franzen called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm at the Placitas Community Library.
- B. Roll Call.** All Directors were present, representing a quorum: George Franzen, Wayne Gaede, Jim Harre, Gary Madee, Phil Messuri, Rich Reif, Jacques Ramey, Jean Roberts, Myron Temchin.
- C. Minutes:** Minutes from the April meeting were approved.
- 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 \$6,148.53. Income included \$175 in dues and \$0.02 interest. Expenses included credit card fees of \$4.23. At US Eagle, ESCA had a balance at the end of last month of \$35,881.98. Income included \$0.03 in interest on the savings account and \$128.91 on the CD, and no expenses. The total of ESCA's accounts at both institutions was \$42,030.51.

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 \$30,780.30. Income for the month was \$0.03 in interest on the savings account, \$110.49 in interest on the CD, and no expenses. The total of LPT's accounts at both institutions was \$33,083.20.

Wayne also reported that Karen Cox has reviewed ESCA's financial records and found everything in order.

Wayne also reported that he filed our annual registration with the State of New Mexico and renewed ESCA's membership in the Placitas Chamber of Commerce.

2. IT Report: Jim Harre reported three membership renewals. ESCA has 47 standard members and 33 joint members, for a total of 113 votes. Jim also worked with Mail Chimp, which was updating its systems, and recent ESCA emails to the membership have been sent successfully.
3. Land Protection Trust (LPT) Report: LPT Chair Mary-Rose de Valladares was away and will provide a report at the next meeting.
4. Status of the Buffalo Tract: Myron reported that Las Placitas Association (LPA) was awarded a \$100,000 grant, although details of the use and management need to be worked out. Myron, Mary-Rose, and George are working with LPA to put together a plan for how the grant will be used. The plan will need to be approved and incorporated into the Bureau of Land Management's Resource Management Plan. George also noted that we need to review details of our insurance coverage with regard to work on the grant.

F. Old Business:

1. Adopt-A-Highway: Phil reported a successful road cleanup in April. The next cleanup will be October 26. CLOSED.

G. New Business:

1. Communications With Members: The Board discussed the potential content and frequency of communications to members. In particular, we will communicate information about the Buffalo Tract grant to ESCA members, once more details are worked out. We could also provide a periodic report or annual report of accomplishments and projects underway. We will continue to discuss at the next meeting. OPEN -- Board
2. ESCA Bylaws Changes: George and Rich will meet to discuss having the bylaws change notarized as required. OPEN—Rich, George
3. June 1 Placitas Appreciation Day: Gary Madee and Jim Harre agreed to volunteer with George at the ESCA table. CLOSED

H. Open Discussion:

1. Vulcan Mine: The Board discussed Myron's preliminary review of Vulcan's compliance with the agreement between Sandoval County and owner Mt. Adams. . OPEN—Myron, Board.
2. Zoom Meetings: Rich Reif moved that ESCA meet via Zoom in June and July. Jim seconded the motion, and the motion passed. CLOSED
3. Signpost article: No article needed at this time.
4. ESCA Board Contact Information: Gary asked about ESCA email addresses for board members rather than using our personal emails. Discussion tabled until next month. –OPEN
5. Controlled Burn Issue: Gary asked whether ESCA had a position on this issue. Discussion tabled until next meeting. OPEN

- I. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Next meeting: 5:23 pm, June 10, 2024, via Zoom.