

EASTERN SANDOVAL CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes
10 March 2025
4:00 PM

- A. Call to order:** President George Franzen called the meeting to order at 4:25 pm.
- B. Roll Call:** Directors present, representing a quorum: George Franzen, Wayne Gaede, Jim Harre, Gary Madee, Phil Messuri, Jacques Ramey, Rich Reif, and Jean Roberts. Also present: Mary-Rose de Valladares, Co-Chair, Land Protection Trust.
- C. Minutes:** Minutes from the February meeting were approved via email.
- D. Introduction of Guests:** None
- E. Monthly Reports**
- Treasurer's Report:** Wayne Gaede reported a balance for ESCA in US Bank as of the end of last month of \$5,030.32. Income included \$175 in dues and \$0.02 interest. Expenses of \$595.23 included D&O insurance and credit card fees. At US Eagle, ESCA had a balance at the end of last month of \$37,138.84. Income included \$0.03 in interest on the savings account and \$104.27 on the CD, and no expenses. The total of ESCA's accounts at both institutions was \$42,169.16.

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 \$31,857.66. Income for the month was \$0.03 in interest on the savings account, \$89.37 in interest on the CD, and no expenses. The total of LPT's accounts at both institutions was \$34,170.56.

Wayne also reported that the annual review of our financial records by Karen Cox has been completed, with no problems found.
 - IT Report:** Jim Harre reported that ESCA has 40 standard members and 32 joint members, for a total of 104 votes.

Jim purchased a \$95 tabletop microphone and speakers for better communications with anyone joining our meetings on Zoom. Expenditure was approved.

Jim also reported that he will begin transferring our information to the new website host, Racknerd.
 - LPT and LPA Report:** Mary-Rose reported that the New Mexico Congressional delegation has decided to delay reintroducing the bill to protect the Buffalo Tract from gravel mining until they have a better sense of the political direction of the new administration. She also noted that we still don't know whether the political environment will affect the efforts to protect the Buffalo Tract. She reported that she will participate in meetings with the local tribes to discuss sensitive

areas in the Buffalo Tract. At an undetermined time in the future, public meetings will be held to inform the community of Buffalo Tract-related work.

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 is now out of committee with a recommendation to pass. The bill would provide \$20 million for fuel reduction.

The board discussed a possible ESCA role in working with an organization such as Firewise to better inform our members about fuel reduction around homes. Gary will look into this, and he will also ask about development of an emergency evacuation plan for Placitas. Jim will send out a flyer to our members for a Sandoval County-sponsored meeting on fuel reduction scheduled for Tuesday, March 11.

F. Old Business:

1. 2024 ESCA Accomplishments: George recommended that we respond to each question asked on the survey, which will form part of our report on accomplishments. He will ask board members to help with the responses.
2. Highway Cleanup: Phil reported that we may have enough volunteers because of help from a 4-H group and a Girl Scout troop.

G. New Business:

1. None

H. Open Discussion:

1. Meeting With County Commissioner: Commissioner Katherine Bruch will try to find out the County's role in monitoring the reclamation of the Vulcan mine. On March 24, the County has set up the 2025 annual meeting with Vulcan, Mt. Adams, and ESCA. The board had a lengthy discussion of questions that the community will want to know, and that ESCA can ask at this meeting. George, along with Gary Madee and Jean Roberts, will attend the meeting. If a Zoom option is available, Mary-Rose will attend via Zoom from Washington, DC.

Wayne suggested that ESCA set up an air quality monitoring system, and he will research the feasibility, including the cost.

1. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm.

Next meeting: 4 pm, April 14, 2025, at the Placitas Community Library and on Zoom.