

# Esperanza Estates HOA

## Minutes of Special Board Meeting

### March 15, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 3:14 p.m. by President Kevin Welsh.

#### Quorum Determination

A quorum was confirmed as the following were present: Kevin Welsh, Bruce Buursma, Dean Lockwood, Cyndie Alto, Jim Gardner, John Nesavich, Debbie Ries and Larry Johnson.

#### Business Matters

The Board met with all three EE homeowners who indicated a willingness to fill the director vacancy on the board and serve out the remainder of a three-year term from March, 2026, to the annual meeting in January of 2029.

The first candidate, **Esley Holt**, has lived year-round in the community for eight years and has volunteered to run as a board candidate in the 2024 and 2025 election. She noted her frequent attendance at board meetings and spoke of her background on board and other leadership positions during her working career for a community college and senior center in the state of Washington. She also ran for Mayor of her town. She expressed an interest in serving as Vice President of the Board.

The second candidate, **Sam Barnard**, has lived year-round in Esperanza Estates for more than 20 years. He's held board and leadership positions at the local American Legion, including serving as Commander. He is a former Alaska State Trooper and criminal homicide investigator who later made his living as a commercial fisherman. He said he would be willing to help the board in any way he could and noted that he now has a bit more time to serve the community since his Legion duties have drawn to a close.

The third candidate, **Tom Waltz**, is a newer resident of the community and is planning to sell his home in Pennsylvania in the next year so that he can become a full-time resident of Esperanza Estates. Tom worked 40 years as a lineman for the power utility in Pennsylvania

and served on several boards for his local church and other non-profit organizations. He noted that he might not be an ideal candidate for the open position due to his snowbird status, but expressed hope that he would be able to serve in the future in a number of volunteer roles.

The board expressed gratitude to each of the candidates for their willingness to join the board and Kevin Welsh reminded the board that current directors will vote to elect one of the candidates at the monthly board meeting on March 16, 2026, in open session in the Ramada.

### **Adjournment**

Kevin Welsh made the motion to adjourn. Cyndie Alto offered a second. The motion passed without dissent and the meeting ended at 4:25 p.m.

—Submitted by Bruce Buursma, Secretary