

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
 Board of Directors
 El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1
 (EPCWID1)
 April 14, 2021**

DIRECTORS PRESENT	EMPLOYEES PRESENT
Larry Ceballos, Secretary	Jesus Reyes, General Manager
George Brooks, Assistant Secretary	Jay Ornelas, Assistant District Engineer
Miguel Teran, Director	Mary Cortez, Chief Financial Officer
DIRECTORS NOT PRESENT	Lisa Aguilar, Chief Administrative Officer
Johnny Stubbs, President	Sonia Ontiveros, Tax Collector Assistant
Art Ivey, Vice-President	Pete Rodriguez, Maintenance Manager
	Robert Rios, Water Master
LEGAL COUNSEL	Sharon Atilano, Engineering Assistant
Jim Speer, Attorney At Law	
Phil Bowen, Attorney At Law	GUESTS
Maria O'Brien Attorney At Law	Lorenzo Arriaga, USBR
Renea Hicks, Attorney At Law (via zoom)	Ponchi Herrera, USBP
DISTRICT ENGINEER	
Dr. Al Blair, District Engineer (via zoom)	

1. Call to order and establishment of a quorum.

There being a quorum of Directors present, the meeting was called to order by Secretary Larry Ceballos at 9:00 a.m., and the Directors then proceeded to consider the following.

2. Welcome of guests. No action was taken on this item.
3. Minutes of March 10, 2021 meeting of the Board of Directors.

After a motion by George Brooks, seconded by Miguel Teran, duly considered and carried by unanimous vote of the Board the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED: that the draft minutes of the Regular meeting held on March 10, 2021 are approved.

4. Report and recommendations by Lisa Aguilar, Chief Administrative Officer/Election Officer, concerning office operations, and elections:

a. Discuss and approve 457 retirement broker recommendations by CAO.

After a motion by Miguel Teran, seconded by George Brooks, duly considered and carried by unanimous vote of the Board the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED: that the Board of Directors approve the 457-retirement broker recommended by the CAO.

5. Report and recommendations by Mary Cortez, Chief Financial Officer, concerning financial information, expenditures, budget, and investment policy:

- a. **Financial Report.** No action was taken on this item.
- b. **\$500.00 Expenditure Report.** No action was taken on this item.
- c. **Legal & Consulting Fees Budget Report.** No action was taken on this item.
- d. **Quarterly Investment Report**

After a motion by George Brooks, seconded by Miguel Teran, duly considered and carried by unanimous vote of the Board the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED: that the Quarterly Investment Report for period ending March 31, 2021 is approved.

6. Report and recommendations by Rose Rodriguez, Tax Assessor/Collector/Office Manager, concerning adjustments and corrections, if any, to assessments, taxes, and charges by EPCWID1.
 - a. **Review tax report and adjustments- The tax report was reviewed, and there were no adjustments.**
 - b. **2013-2020 City of El Paso Texas on behalf of El Paso Public Service Board Assignments, 2013-2019 Lower Valley Water District Assignments and Report on tax suits.** No action was taken on this item.
 - c. **Comparison of EPCWID1 Tax assessments and collection during 2019 and 2020 for the month.** No action was taken on this item.
7. General Manager's report concerning the following:
 - a. **Farmer's zoom meeting scheduled for April 15, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.** No action was taken on this item.
 - b. **Project updates on Riverside Canal, Franklin Canal, and Island Main** No action was taken on this item.
 - c. **Lower Valley Water District proposed dewatering projects.** No action was taken on this item.
 - d. **Consider offer from Lower Valley District to purchase 1 acre of the Franklin Drain next to Mauro Rosas Park.** No action was taken on this item.
8. District Engineer's report and recommendations concerning the following:

- a. **Rio Grande Project Operating Agreement Accounting.** No action was taken on this item.
 - b. **Rio Grande Compact Accounting.** No action was taken on this item.
 - c. **Rio Grande Project Water Supply and Water Allocations.** No action was taken on this item.
 - d. **Status of 3rd Party Construction in District Canals and Drains.** No action was taken on this item.

9. Maintenance Manager's report and recommendations concerning the following:

Drain maintenance program and water delivery system. No action was taken on this item.

10. Water Master's report and recommendations concerning the following:

Water use and availability. No action was taken on this item.

11. Water delivery allocations to EPCWID1 water users and water available by contract. **No action was taken on this item.**

12. Subdivision Plats within District Boundary requirement in License Manual:
 - a. **Application 2290, by EPWCV, LLC, for Village at Westside Crossing Phase One Subdivision, being a portion of Tracts IH, Block 10, Upper Valley Grant Surveys, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, containing 60.8344 acres, Submission of Irrigable Land Exhibit.** No action was taken on this item.
 - b. **Application 3003, by Del Rio Engineering, Inc, for Sunset Valley Estates Unit II Subdivision, being a portion of Tracts 1-A, 1-C, 1-C-1, 1-D, 2-A, 2-C, 2-E Block 10, & a Portion of Tracts 5-A, 5-D, 5-D-1, 6-A, 6-B, 6-B-1, 7-B, 7-B-1, Block 11, Socorro Grant Surveys, El Paso County, Texas, containing 25.676 acres, Submission of Irrigable Land Exhibit**

After a motion by George Brooks, seconded by Miguel Teran, duly considered and carried by unanimous vote of the Board the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED: that application 3003, by Del Rio Engineering, Inc, for Sunset Valley Estates Unit II Subdivision, being a portion of Tracts 1-A, 1-C, 1-C-1, 1-D, 2-A, 2-C, 2-E Block 10, & a Portion of Tracts 5-A, 5-D, 5-D-1, 6-A, 6-B, 6-B-1, 7-B, 7-B-1, Block 11, Socorro Grant Surveys, El Paso County, Texas, containing 25.676 acres, for a submission of an irrigable land exhibit is approved.

- c. Application 3008, by Daniel Alderete for Diamantina VII Subdivision, being a portion of Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Smith Subdivision, City of El Paso, Texas, containing 2.2773 acres, Submission of Irrigable Land Exhibit**

After a motion by Miguel Teran, seconded by George Brooks, duly considered and carried by unanimous vote of the Board the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED: that application 3008, by Daniel Alderete for Damantina VII Subdivision, being a portion of Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Smith Subdivision, City of El Paso, Texas, containing 2.2773 acres, for submission of an irrigable land exhibit is approved.

- d. Application 3013, by Tropicana Building II, LLC, for Green Acres Subdivision Replat "A", being replat of all of Blocks 5 and 6; a portion of Lot 1, Block 2; all of Lots 5 through 15, a portion of Lots 3 and 4, Block 3; a portion of Lots 1 and 2, Block 4, a portion of Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8, Block 7; a portion of Lot 10, Block 9; all of Lots 1 through 6, and a portion of Lot 7, Block 10; all of Sienna Way and Sorchum Lane right of ways; and a portion of Oleaster Drive, Sorrel Drive, and Tamarix Lane right of ways, Green Acres Subdivision, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, containing 27.04 acres, Submission of Irrigable Land Exhibit**

After a motion by Miguel Teran, seconded by George Brooks, duly considered and carried by unanimous vote of the Board the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED: that application 3013, by Tropicana Building II, LLC, for Green Acres Subdivision Replat "A", being replat of all of Blocks 5 and 6; a portion of Lot 1, Block 2; all of Lots 5 through 15, a portion of Lots 3 and 4, Block 3; a portion of Lots 1 and 2, Block 4, a portion of Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8, Block 7; a portion of Lot 10, Block 9; all of Lots 1 through 6, and a portion of Lot 7, Block 10; all of Sienna Way and Sorchum Lane right of ways; and a portion of Oleaster Drive, Sorrel Drive, and Tamarix Lane right of ways, Green Acres Subdivision, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, containing 27.04 acres, for submission of an irrrigable land exhibit is approved.

13. Applications for License for Use of District Real Property:

- a. **Application 3004, by Conterra Ultra Broadband, LLC, for a 20-year license to construct a subsurface fiber optic cable system across Southside Feeder Lateral (an irrigation canal) at Americas Avenue, LP 375, approximately Station 10+64 via horizontal directional drilling**

After a motion by Miguel Teran, seconded by George Brooks, duly considered and carried by unanimous vote of the Board the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED: that Application 3004, by Conterra Ultra Broadband, LLC, for a 20 year license to construct a subsurface fiber optic cable system across Southside Feeder Lateral (an irrigation canal) at Americas Avenue, LP 375, approximately Station 10+64 via horizontal directional drilling is approved upon the condition that the applicant meets all requirements of the license, including paying all fees and cost required by the license and providing the District with three signed originals of the license, both within 60 days hereafter, and the officers of EPCWID1 are

authorized and directed to execute such license, a copy of which is attached hereto.

- b. Application 3010, by El Paso Electric Company, for a 50-year license to cross the Franklin Canal at approximately station 1089+30 at Tanton Road to construct a three (3) phase (14kV) overhead power line**

After a motion by George Brooks, seconded by Miguel Teran, duly considered and carried by unanimous vote of the Board the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED: that Application 3010, by El Paso Electric Company, for a 50-year license to cross the Franklin Canal at approximately station 1089+30 at Tanton Road to construct a three (3) phase (14kV) overhead power line is approved upon the condition that the applicant meets all requirements of the license, including paying all fees and cost required by the license and providing the District with three signed originals of the license, both within 60 days hereafter, and the officers of EPCWID1 are authorized and directed to execute such license, a copy of which is attached hereto.

- c. Application 3011, by El Paso Electric Company, for a 50-year license for an existing three (3) phase (14kV) overhead power line parallel and adjacent on the Franklin Canal right bank, approximately station 1079+65 to 1089+60 near Passmore Road**

After a motion by Miguel Teran, seconded by George Brooks, duly considered and carried by unanimous vote of the Board the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED: that Application 3011, by El Paso Electric Company, for a 50-year license for an existing three (3) phase (14kV) overhead power line parallel and adjacent on the Franklin Canal right bank, approximately station 1079+65 to 1089+60 near Passmore Road line is approved upon the condition that the applicant meets all requirements of the license, including paying all fees and cost required by the license and providing the District with

three signed originals of the license, both within 60 days hereafter, and the officers of EPCWID1 are authorized and directed to execute such license, a copy of which is attached hereto.

- d. Application 3012, by El Paso Electric Company, for a 50-year license to cross the Franklin Canal at approximately station 1083+71 at Passmore Road to construct a three (3) phase (14kV) overhead power line**

After a motion by Miguel Teran, seconded by George Brooks, duly considered and carried by unanimous vote of the Board the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED: that Application 3012, by El Paso Electric Company, for 50-year license to cross the Franklin Canal at approximately station 1083+71 at Passmore Road to construct a three (3) phase (14kV) overhead power line is approved upon the condition that the applicant meets all requirements of the license, including paying all fees and cost required by the license and providing the District with three signed originals of the license, both within 60 days hereafter, and the officers of EPCWID1 are authorized and directed to execute such license, a copy of which is attached hereto.

14. Agreement to classify Non-irrigable land as Irrigable land:

- a. Application 3015, by Ronald G. and Maria J. Franco, for classification of Lots 3-7, Block 10, Clint Townsite Subdivision, approximately (0.34 ac), in the Town of Clint, El Paso County, Texas, as irrigable lands**

After a motion by Miguel Teran, seconded by George Brooks, duly considered and carried by unanimous vote of the Board the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED: that Application 3015, by Ronald G. and Maria J. Franco, for classification of Lots 3-7, Block 10, Clint Townsite Subdivision, approximately (0.34 ac), in the Town of Clint, El Paso County, Texas, as irrigable lands is

approved upon the condition that the applicant meets all requirements of the license, including paying all fees and cost required by the license and providing the District with three signed originals of the license, both within 60 days hereafter, and the officers of EPCWID1 are authorized and directed to execute such license, a copy of which is attached hereto.

15. Sale of Surplus District Real Property under 49.226 of the Texas Water Code:

- a. Declaration of surplus land and authorization to sell portion of Mesa Spur Drain, from the heading to east end of the limits of the City of El Paso, approximately 2,000 linear feet**


After a motion by Miguel Teran, seconded by George Brooks, duly considered and carried by unanimous vote of the Board the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED: that a portion of the Mesa Spur Drain, from the heading to east end of the limits of the City of El Paso, approximately 2,000 linear feet, is declared surplus and is approved for authorization to sell said portion of the Mesa Spur Drain, from the heading to the east end of the limits of the City of El Paso, approximately 2,000 linear feet.

16. Any or all of the items shown on the attached Closed Meeting Agenda.
The Board did not enter into closed session.

17. Consideration of agenda items for next regular board meeting.

18. **Adjournment.** On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.


Larry Ceballos, Secretary