

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT	EMPLOYEES PRESENT
Johnny Stubbs, President (via zoom)	Jesus Reyes, General Manager
Art Ivey, Vice-President	Mary Cortez, Chief Financial Officer
Larry Ceballos, Secretary	Lisa Aguilar, Chief Administrative Officer
George Brooks, Assistant Secretary	Rose Rodriguez, Office Manager/Tax Collector
Miguel Teran, Director	Robert Rios, Water Master
	Pete Rodriguez, Maintenance Manager
	Bert Cortez, Licensing Manager
LEGAL COUNSEL	Sharon Atilano, Engineering Assistant
Jim Speer, Attorney At Law	Claudia Ruiz, Administrative Assistant
Phil Bowen, Attorney At Law	Cathy Oyston, Water Records/ Dispatcher Supervisor
Maria O'Brien, Attorney At Law (via zoom)	
Renea Hicks, Attorney At Law (via zoom)	GUESTS
	Alfonso Herrera, USBP
DISTRICT ENGINEER	Jerry Melendez, USBR
Dr. Al Blair, District Engineer (via zoom)	Danny Chavez, HCCRD#1

1. Call to order and establishment of a quorum.

There being a quorum of Directors present, the meeting was called to order by Vice-President Art Ivey 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 June 9, 2021 meeting of the Board of Directors.

After a motion by George Brooks, seconded by Larry Ceballos, 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 June 9, 2021 are approved.

4. Report and recommendations by Lisa Aguilar, Chief Administrative Officer/Election Officer, concerning office operations, and elections:
None
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.** No action was taken on time item.

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

RESOLVED: that the Quarterly Investment Report for period ending June 30, 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 EPCWID.
 - a. **Review tax report and adjustments- The tax report was reviewed, and there were no adjustments for the month of June.** No action was taken on this item.

7. General Manager's report concerning the following:
 - a. **Discuss real property marketing plan.** No action was taken on this item.
 - b. **Update on Sale of District Property considered surplus property.** 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 EPCWID 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 3029, by Roma Homes, for Paseo Del Rio Subdivision, being Tracts 15Q, 15Q2, 15S, 18B, 18B2 and 18N, Block 6, Upper Valley Grant Surveys, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, Containing approximately 10.7501 acres, Submission of Irrigable Land Exhibit**

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

RESOLVED: that Application 3029, by Roma Homes, for Paseo Del Rio Subdivision, being Tracts 15Q, 15Q2, 15S, 18B, 18B2 and 18N, Block 6, Upper Valley Grant Surveys, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, Containing approximately 10.7501 acres, for a submission of an irrigable land exhibit is approved.

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

- a. **Application 3023, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC., for a 25-year license to construct an aerial fiber optic cable system across Alamo Alto Drain (an irrigation canal) at Feed Pen Drive, approximately 247+67**

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

RESOLVED: that Application 3023, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC., for a 25-year license to construct an aerial fiber optic cable system across Alamo Alto Drain (an irrigation canal) at Feed Pen Drive, approximately 247+67 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 EPCWID are authorized and directed to execute such license, a copy of which is attached hereto.

- b. Application 3024, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC., for a 25-year license to construct an aerial fiber optic cable system across Tornillo Canal (an irrigation canal) at Feed Pen Rd., approximately Sta. 308+34**

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

RESOLVED: that Application 3024, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC., for a 25-year license to construct an aerial fiber optic cable system across Tornillo Canal (an irrigation canal) at Feed Pen Rd., approximately Sta. 308+34 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 EPCWID are authorized and directed to execute such license, a copy of which is attached hereto.

- c. Application 3025, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC., for a 25-year license to construct an aerial fiber optic cable system across Tornillo Canal (an irrigation canal) at Guadalupe Rd., approximately Sta. 260+78**

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

RESOLVED: that Application 3025, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC., for a 25-year license to construct an aerial fiber optic cable system across Tornillo Canal (an irrigation

canal) at Guadalupe Rd., approximately Sta. 260+78 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 EPCWID are authorized and directed to execute such license, a copy of which is attached hereto.


- d. Application 3021, by El Paso Electric Company, for a license to repair and raise residential electrical lines crossing the Franklin Canal, (an irrigation canal) at Payne subdivision, approximately Sta. 229 +37.25**

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 3021, by El Paso Electric Company, for a license to repair and raise residential electrical lines crossing the Franklin Canal, (an irrigation canal) at Payne subdivision, approximately Sta. 229+37.25 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 EPCWID are authorized and directed to execute such license, a copy of which is attached hereto.

14. Sale of Surplus District Real Property under 49.226 of the Texas Water Code: None
15. Any or all of the items shown on the attached Closed Meeting Agenda. **The Board then entered into a closed session at 10:15 a.m. regarding the items to be considered in closed session as shown on the Notice of Public Meeting. The Board subsequently returned to the open session at 10:46 a.m. with no action having been taken in the closed session.**

16. Consideration of agenda items for next regular board meeting.
17. **Adjournment.** On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.



Larry Ceballos, Secretary