Minutes of Regular Meeting Board of Directors El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1 (EPCWID) January 12, 2022

DIRECTORS PRESENT	EMPLOYEES PRESENT
Johnny Stubbs, President	Jesus Reyes, General Manager
Art Ivey, Vice-President	Bert Cortez, Licensing Manager
Larry Ceballos, Secretary	Cathy Oyston, Water Records/ Dispatcher Supervisor
George Brooks, Assistant Secretary	Claudia Ruiz, Administrative Assistant
Miguel Teran, Director	Omar Martinez, Grant Writer
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LEGAL COUNSEL	
Jim Speer, Attorney At Law	
Phil Bowen, Attorney At Law	
Maria O Brien, Attorney At Law (via zoom)	
Renea Hicks, Attorney At Law (via zoom)	
	GUESTS
DISTRICT ENGINEER	Eddie Moreno, Kemp Smith on behalf of Socorro Logistics Land, LLC
Dr. Al Blair, District Engineer (via zoom)	Danny Chavez, HCCRD#1
	Jorge Grajeda, CEA Group on behalf of Socorro Logistics
	Jerry Melendez, USBR

1. Call to order and establishment of a quorum.

There being a quorum of Directors present, the meeting was called to order by President Johnny Stubbs 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 November 12, 2021 meeting of the Board of Directors.

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 draft minutes of the regular meeting held on November 12, 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: **None**
- 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 tax adjustments for the month of November. No action was taken on this item.
 - b. 2013-2021 The City of El Paso on behalf of Public Service Board Assignments, 2013-2021 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 2020 and 2021. No action was taken on this item.
- 7. General Manager's report concerning the following:
 - a. Update on El Paso Water Sewer pipeline replacement and discharge into Rio Grande River. No action was taken on this item.
 - b. Project updates on Riverside Canal and Ysla lateral lining projects. No action was taken on this item.
 - c. Proposed TXDOT funded shared use path along Tornillo Canal by El Paso County property (TGC §551.072 item). No action was taken on this item.
 - d. Update on EPCWID operations during COVID-19. No action was taken on this item.
 - e. Report meeting with EBID executive committee and EPCWID executive committee. 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.
 - e. District Policy regarding sale and 3rd party use of District property (TGC §551.072 item) 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 3090 by SOCORRO LOGISTICS LAND, LLC for Socorro Logistics Center Unit One for subdivision of irrigable land located near Nuevo Hueco Tanks Blvd and Mesa Drain. No action was taken on this item.
- 13. Applications for License for Use of District Real Property:
 - a. Application 1638, by El Paso Electric Company, for a 1-year license to access EPCWID right of way, district wide, for operation and maintenance of existing El Paso Electric Company electrical system

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 1638, by El Paso Electric Company, for a 1-year license to access EPCWID right of way, district wide, for operation and maintenance of existing El Paso Electric Company electrical system 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 3081, by Transtelco, Inc., for a 25-year-license to construct an aerial fiber optic cable system

across the Mesa Drain (an irrigation canal) for approximately at Mauer Rd., approximately station 1074+94.69

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 3081, by Transtelco, Inc., for a 25-year-license to construct an aerial fiber optic cable system across the Mesa Drain (an irrigation canal) for approximately at Mauer Rd., approximately station 1074+94.69 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 3101, 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 Shaffer Rd., approximately station 328+61

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 3101, 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 Shaffer Rd., approximately station 328+61 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 3102, by Transtelco, Inc., for a 25-year-license to construct an aerial fiber optic cable system across the Alfalfa Lateral (an irrigation canal) for approximately west of Little Flower Rd., approximately station 1+90

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 3102, by Transtelco, Inc., for a 25-year-license to construct an aerial fiber optic cable system across the Alfalfa Lateral (an irrigation canal) for approximately west of Little Flower Rd., approximately station 1+90 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.

e. Application 3103, by Transtelco, Inc., for a 25-year-license to construct an aerial fiber optic cable system parallel to the Mesa Drain (an irrigation canal) for approximately 444 feet west of Mauer Rd., approximately station 1074+46

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 3103, by Transtelco, Inc., for a 25-year-license to construct an aerial fiber optic cable system parallel to the Mesa Drain (an irrigation canal) for approximately 444 feet west of Mauer Rd., approximately station 1074+46 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.

f. Application 3106, by Conterra Ultra Broadband, LLC, for a 25-year license to construct an aerial fiber optic cable system across Franklin Drain (an irrigation canal) at Carl Longuemare Rd, approximately Station 373+97.93

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 3106, by Conterra Ultra Broadband, LLC, for a 25-year license to construct an aerial fiber optic cable system across Franklin Drain (an irrigation canal) at Carl Longuemare Rd, approximately Station 373+97.93 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.

g. Application 3107, by Conterra Ultra Broadband, LLC, or a 25-year license to construct an aerial fiber optic cable system across Franklin Drain (an irrigation canal) at Loya Rd. and Carl Longuemare Rd., approximately Station 333+63

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 3107, by Conterra Ultra Broadband, LLC, or a 25-year license to construct an aerial fiber optic cable system across Franklin Drain (an irrigation canal) at Loya Rd. and Carl Longuemare Rd., approximately Station 333+63 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.

h. Application 3112, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC., for a 25-year license to construct an aerial fiber optic cable system across Tornillo Intercepting Drain (an irrigation canal) at Ivey League Rd., approximately station 28+32

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 3112, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC., for a 25-year license to construct an aerial fiber optic cable system across Tornillo Intercepting Drain (an irrigation canal) at Ivey League Rd., approximately station 28+32 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.

i. Application 3113, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC., for a 25year license to construct an aerial fiber optic cable system across Tornillo Canal (an irrigation canal) at Ivey League Rd., approximately station 517+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 3113, 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 Ivey League Rd., approximately station 517+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.

j. Application 3114, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC., for a 25-year license to construct an aerial fiber optic cable system across Tornillo Drain (an irrigation canal) at Ivey League Rd., approximately station 103+58

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 3114, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC., for a 25-year license to construct an aerial fiber optic cable system across Tornillo Drain (an irrigation canal) at Ivey League Rd., approximately station 103+58 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.

k. Application 3115, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC., for a 25year license to construct an aerial fiber optic cable system across Malone Lateral (an irrigation canal) at Alameda Avenue, approximately station 54+30 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 3115, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC., for a 25-year license to construct an aerial fiber optic cable system across Malone Lateral (an irrigation canal) at Alameda Avenue, approximately station 54+30 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.

 Application 3122, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC., for a 25year license to construct an aerial fiber optic cable system across Island Drain (an irrigation canal) at Fabens Island Rd., approximately station 305+57.53

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 3122, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC., for a 25-year license to construct an aerial fiber optic cable system across Island Drain (an irrigation canal) at Fabens Island Rd., approximately station 305+57.53 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.

m. Application 3123, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC., for a 25year license to construct an aerial fiber optic cable system across Franklin Canal (an irrigation canal) at Herring Rd., approximately station 1299+74

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 3123, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC., for a 25-year license to construct an aerial fiber optic cable system across Franklin Canal (an irrigation canal) at Herring Rd., approximately station 1299+74 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 9:37 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 10:19 a.m. with no action having been taken in the 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 10:20 a.m.

Larry Ceballos, Secretary