

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
 Board of Directors
 El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1
 (EPCWID)
 April 10, 2024**

DIRECTORS PRESENT	EMPLOYEES PRESENT
Art Ivey, Vice-President	Jay Ornelas, PE General Manager
Larry Ceballos, Secretary	Lisa Aguilar, Chief Administrative Officer
Miguel Teran, Director	Mary Cortez, Chief Financial Officer
George Brooks, Director	Sharon Atilano, Licensing Manager
	Rose Rodriguez, Tax Assessor Collector
NOT PRESENT	Pete Rodriguez, Maintenance Manager
Johnny Stubbs, President	Robert Rios, Water Master
	Enrique Perez, Operations Supervisor
LEGAL COUNSEL	Cathy Oyston, Water Records/ Dispatch Supervisor
Renea Hicks, Attorney At Law (via zoom)	Claudia Ruiz, Administrative Assistant
	Sonia Ontiveros, Tax Collector Assistant
DISTRICT ENGINEER	Jaqueline Garcia, Administrative Assistant
Dr. Al Blair, PE District Engineer (via zoom)	
	GUESTS
	Robert Kimpel, Guest
	Jaime Cisneros, USBP
	Julia Klejmont, USBOR
	Jerry Melendez, USBOR

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 March 13, 2024 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 March 13, 2024 are approved.

4. Report and recommendations by Lisa Aguilar, Chief Administrative Officer/Election Officer, and Renea Hicks 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**

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 Quarterly Investment Report for period ending March 31, 2024 is approved.

- e. **Vehicle use policy**

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 vehicle use policy is approved.

6. Report and recommendations by Rose Rodriguez, Tax Assessor Collector, concerning adjustments and corrections, if any, to assessments, taxes, and charges by EPCWID.
 - a. **Review tax report and adjustments.** No action was taken on this item.
 - b. **2013-2023 The City of El Paso and it's Public Service Board Assignments, 2013-2023 Lower Valley Water District Assignments and Report on tax suits.** No action was taken on this item.
 - c. **Comparison of EPCWID tax assessments and collection during 2022 and 2023.** No action was taken on this item.
7. General Manager's report concerning the following:
 - a. **Rio Grande Compact meeting in El Paso, Texas, on Friday, April 26, 2024.** No action was taken on this item.
 - b. **Visit from Upper Colorado Regional Director, Wayne Pullan, May 7-8, 2024.** 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. Water Master's report and recommendations concerning the following:

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

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

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

11. Water delivery allocations to EPCWID water users and water available by contract. **None.**

12. Subdivision Plats within District Boundary requirement in License Manual. **None.**

13. Applications for License for Use of District Real Property: **None.**

14. Letters of No Objection for Natural Gas Service installed with the Rights-of-Ways of Public Roads: **None.**

15. Approval of Construction Dewatering Licenses for Conveyance Groundwater: **None.**

16. Letters of Approval and/or Amendments of existing License Agreements: **None.**

17. Agreement to classify Non-irrigable land as irrigable land: **None.**

18. Sale of Surplus District Real Property under 49.226 of the Texas Water Code. **None.**


19. Grants Agreements involving District Real Property: **None.**

20. Any or all of the items shown on the attached Closed Meeting Agenda.

The Board then entered into a closed session at 10:04 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 10:24 a.m. with no action having been taken in the closed session.

21. Consideration of agenda items for next regular board meeting.
22. **Adjournment.** On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board Meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.


Lorenzo C. Ceballos, Secretary