

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Board of Directors  
El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1  
(EPCWID)  
June 11, 2025**

<b>DIRECTORS PRESENT</b>	<b>EMPLOYEES PRESENT</b>
<b>Art Ivey, President</b>	<b>Jay Ornelas, PE General Manager</b>
<b>Larry Ceballos, Vice-President</b>	<b>Lisa Aguilar, Chief Administrative Officer</b>
<b>George Brooks, Secretary</b>	<b>Mary Cortez, Chief Financial Officer</b>
<b>Jarett Rogers, Assistant Secretary</b>	<b>Pete Rodriguez, Maintenance Manager</b>
<b>Miguel Teran, Director</b>	<b>Enrique Perez, Water Master</b>
	<b>Sharon Atilano, License Manager</b>
	<b>Rose Rodriguez, Tax Assessor Collector</b>
<b>LEGAL COUNSEL</b>	<b>Cathy Oyston, Water Records/ Dispatch Supervisor</b>
<b>Renea Hicks, Attorney At Law (via zoom)</b>	<b>Claudia Ruiz, Administrative Assistant</b>
<b>Maria O' Brien, Attorney At Law (via zoom)</b>	<b>Sonia Ontiveros, Tax Collector Assistant</b>
	<b>Rene Carmona, Safety Officer</b>
	<b>GUESTS</b>
<b>DISTRICT ENGINEER</b>	<b>Robert Kimpel, Guest</b>
<b>Dr. Al Blair, PE District Engineer (via zoom)</b>	<b>Ernest Madrid, US Border Patrol</b>
	<b>Victor Macias, US Border Patrol</b>
	<b>Samantha Stiffler, USIBWC</b>
	<b>Valeria Quintero, USIBWC</b>
	<b>Monica I. Chavez, USIBWC</b>
	<b>Lisabeth N. Arellano, USIBWC</b>
	<b>Larry Vasquez, BOR</b>

1. Call to order and establishment of a quorum.

**There being a quorum of Directors present, the meeting was called to order by 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 May 14, 2025 meeting of the Board of Directors.

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 the draft minutes of the regular meeting held on May 14, 2025 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. **\$1,000.00 Expenditure Report.** No action was taken on this item.
  - c. **Legal and Consulting Fees Budget Report.** No action was taken on this item.
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-** The tax report was reviewed, and the following are the tax adjustments for the month of May 2025:

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:

**WHEREAS: Rose Rodriguez, Tax Assessor/Collector for EPCWID1 recommends adjustments or corrections to the tax rolls reviewed during the month of May 2025;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the following adjustments and corrections have been reviewed, approved and are attached to these minutes.**

- 1. Cornelius Mary L O to Flores Martha E, (389.34), 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.**
- b. 2013-2024 The City of El Paso and it's Public Service Board Assignments, 2013-2024 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 2023 and 2024. No action was taken on this item.**

7. General Manager's report concerning the following: **None.**

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.
12. Subdivision Plats within District Boundary requirement in License Manual (irrigable land exhibit):

- a. Application 3610, by Alejandro F. Nunez, Jr., for Nunez Estates Subdivision, being tracts 7A-1B, 8B and 8C, block 8, Upper Valley Surveys, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, containing 1.46 acres**

After a motion by Larry Ceballos seconded by Jarett Rogers, duly considered and carried by the majority of the vote of the Board, the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLVED: that Application 3610, by Alejandro F. Nunez, Jr., for Nunez Estates Subdivision, being tracts 7A-1B, 8B and 8C, block 8, Upper Valley Surveys, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, containing 1.46 acres for a submission of an irrigable land exhibit is approved.**

- b. Application 3618, by Bowling Brothers Development, Co., for Horizon Park Unit Three, being all of tract 10J, block 3, Socorro Grant, City of Socorro, El Paso County, Texas, containing 5.16 acres**

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

**RESOLVED: that Application 3618, by Bowling Brothers Development, Co., for Horizon Park Unit Three, being all of tract 10J, block 3, Socorro Grant, City of Socorro, El Paso County, Texas, containing 5.16 acres for a submission of an irrigable land exhibit is approved.**

13. Applications for Licenses and Memorandums of Understanding for Use of District Real Property: **None.**
14. Letters of No Objection for Natural Gas Service installed within the Rights-of-Ways of Public Roads: **None.**
15. Approval of Construction Dewatering Licenses for Conveyance Groundwater:
  - a. **Application 3620, by Lower Valley Water District, for a license for use of District facilities for conveyance of groundwater from construction dewatering into the Salitral Lateral**

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

**RESOLVED: that Application 3620, by Lower Valley Water District, for a license for use of District facilities for conveyance of groundwater from construction dewatering into the Salitral Lateral, 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.**

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:

- a. Declaration of surplus land, being a portion of district property. Between the Tornillo Canal heading and Fabens Wasteway Channel, approximately 2.30 acres**

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

**RESOLVED: that the portion between the Tornillo Canal heading and Fabens Wasteway Channel, approximately 2.30 acres is declared surplus and is approved for authorization to sell.**

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

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

**Director Miguel Teran left the room and announced that he would abstain from discussion of items. The Board then entered into a closed session at 9:55 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 10:30 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 10:31 a.m.

  
George Brooks, Secretary