

**Minutes of Special Meeting
Board of Directors
El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1
(EPCWID)
July 16, 2025**

DIRECTORS PRESENT	EMPLOYEES PRESENT
Art Ivey, President	Jay Ornelas, PE General Manager
Larry Ceballos, Vice-President	Lisa Aguilar, Chief Administrative Officer
George Brooks, Secretary	Mary Cortez, Chief Financial Officer
Jarett Rogers, Assistant Secretary	Pete Rodriguez, Maintenance Manager
Miguel Teran, Director	Enrique Perez, Water Master
	Sharon Atilano, License Manager
	Cathy Oyston, Water Records/ Dispatch Supervisor
LEGAL COUNSEL	Claudia Ruiz, Administrative Assistant
Renea Hicks, Attorney At Law (via zoom)	Sonia Ontiveros, Tax Collector Assistant
	Rene Carmona, Safety Officer
	GUESTS
DISTRICT ENGINEER	Robert Kimpel, Guest
Dr. Al Blair, PE District Engineer (via zoom)	Larry Vasquez, BOR

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 June 11, 2025 meeting of the Board of Directors.

After a motion by Jarett Rogers, 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 June 11, 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.
 - d. Quarterly Investment Report**

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, 2025 is approved.

e. Amendment of Budget for 2024-2025

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

RESOLVED: that the Amendment of Budget for 2024-2025 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- The tax report was reviewed, and the following are the tax adjustments for the month of June 2025:

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:

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

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

- 1. Duran Jaime to Citisco Investments LLC, (\$2.32), 2021, 2022, and 2023 to reflect March 2025.**
- 2. Duran Jaime to Citisco Investments LLC, (\$.16), 2021, 2022, and 2023 to reflect March 2025.**
- 3. Duran Jaime to Citisco Investments LLC, (\$.58), 2021, 2022, and 2023 to reflect March 2025.**
- 4. Duran Jaime to Citisco Investments LLC, (\$2.14), 2021, 2022, and 2023 to reflect March 2025.**

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 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.

12. Subdivision Plats within District Boundary requirement in License Manual (irrigable land exhibit):

- a. **Application 3619, by Hermanos Farms, LTD., for Hermanos Industrial Subdivision, being all of tract 6 and tract 6-A, block 2, Socorro Grant, City of Socorro, El Paso County, Texas, containing 99.13 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 3619, by Hermanos Farms, LTD., for Hermanos Industrial Subdivision, being all of tract 6 and tract 6-A, block 2, Socorro Grant, City of Socorro, El Paso County, Texas, containing 99.13 acres for a submission of an irrigable land exhibit is approved.

- b. Application 3637, by Irma Segura, for Segura Family Subdivision, being all of tract 23-E, block 36, Yselta Grant Survey, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, containing 0.488 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 3637, by Irma Segura, for Segura Family Subdivision, being all of tract 23-E, block 36, Yselta Grant Survey, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, containing 0.488 acres for a submission of an irrigable land exhibit is approved.

- c. Application 3639, by Luis Anzures, Oscar Macias and Ernesto Avila, for Anzures Subdivision, being tracts 15F and tract 15H, block 5, Upper Valley Surveys, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, containing 2.622**

After a motion by Jarett Rogers 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 3639, by Luis Anzures, Oscar Macias and Ernesto Avila, for Anzures Subdivision, being tracts 15F and tract 15H, block 5, Upper Valley Surveys, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, containing 2.622 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:

a. 2 Applications by Lower Valley Water District

Application 3576, by Lower Valley Water District, for a 25-year license to install an 8-inch waterline inside a 16-inch steel casing across the Mesa Spur Drain (a drainage canal) at Sophie Arroyo, at approximately station 169+4

Application 3577, by Lower Valley Water District, for a 25-year license for an 8-inch waterline inside a 16-inch steel casing across the Mesa Spur Drain (a drainage canal) at Andrew Arroyos, at approximately station 176+56

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 the 2 Applications by Lower Valley Water District, are approved upon the condition that the applicant meets all requirements, 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. 7 Applications by Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC

Application 3623, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, L.L.C., for a 25-year license for an aerial fiber optic cable system crossing the Mesa Drain (a drainage canal), at Fenter Rd., at approximately station 393+52

Application 3624, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, L.L.C., for a 25-year license for an aerial fiber optic cable system crossing the Salitral Lateral (an irrigation lateral), at North Loop Dr., at approximately station 357+04

Application 3625, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, L.L.C., for a 25-year license for an aerial fiber optic cable system crossing the Salitral Lateral (an irrigation lateral), at North Loop Dr., at approximately station 357+68

Application 3626, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, L.L.C., for a 25-year license for an aerial fiber optic cable system crossing the Salitral Lateral (an irrigation lateral), at North Loop Dr., at approximately station 340+00

Application 3627, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, L.L.C., for a 25-year license for an aerial fiber optic cable system crossing the Salitral Lateral (an irrigation lateral), at North Loop Dr., at approximately station 346+18

Application 3630, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, L.L.C., for a 25-year license for a subsurface fiber optic cable system crossing the Alamo Alto Drain (a drainage canal), at Alameda Ave., at approximately station 483+76

Application 3640, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, L.L.C., for a 25-year license for an aerial fiber optic cable system crossing the La Union East Lateral (an irrigation lateral), at Westside Dr., at approximately station 472+85

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 7 Applications by Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC, are approved upon the condition that the applicant meets all requirements, 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 3636, by Rutherford Diversified, Inc., for a Contract for Purchase of Non-Potable Raw Water for Use in Controlling Dust

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 Application 3636, by Rutherford Diversified, Inc., for a Contract for Purchase of Non-Potable Raw Water for Use in Controlling Dust, is approved upon the condition that the applicant meets all requirements, 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 3638, by Southwest Land Water and Pipe for a Temporary Construction License for placement of a temporary pump on lateral to irrigate small tracts at Lover Road on the Montoya Main Lateral (an irrigation canal), at approximately station 197+20

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 Application 3638, by Southwest Land Water and Pipe for a Temporary Construction License for placement of a temporary pump on lateral to irrigate small tracts at Lover Road on the Montoya Main Lateral (an irrigation canal), at approximately station 197+20, is approved upon the condition that the applicant meets all requirements, 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. 4 Applications for InnerCity FiberNet, LLC d/b/a Gigabit Fiber

Application 3641, by InnerCity FiberNet, LLC d/b/a Gigabit Fiber, for a 25-year license for a subsurface fiber optic cable system crossing Juan De Herrera Main Lateral (an irrigation lateral), at N. Americas Ave., at approximately station 301+71

Application 3642, by InnerCity FiberNet, LLC d/b/a Gigabit Fiber, for a 25-year license for a subsurface fiber optic cable system crossing Jornado Lateral (an irrigation lateral), at Zaragoza Rd., at approximately station 113+77

Application 3643, by InnerCity FiberNet, LLC d/b/a Gigabit Fiber, for a 25-year license for a subsurface fiber optic cable system crossing Franklin Canal (an irrigation canal), at Delta Dr., at approximately station 433+63

Application 3644, by InnerCity FiberNet, LLC d/b/a Gigabit Fiber, for a 25-year license for a subsurface fiber optic cable system crossing Franklin Canal (an irrigation canal), at Zaragoza Rd., at approximately station 763+04

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 4 Applications for InnerCity FiberNet, LLC d/b/a Gigabit Fiber, are approved upon the condition that the applicant meets all requirements, 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. 2 Applications by Ranchos Del Rio Ltd.

Application 3645, by Ranchos Del Rio Ltd., for a Temporary Irrigation Conveyance License to construct a 10-inch steel pipe crossing the T-520 Lateral (an irrigation lateral) for sole purpose of conveying water for agricultural irrigation, at approximately station 55+96

Application 3646, by Ranchos Del Rio Ltd., for a Temporary Irrigation Conveyance License to construct a 10-inch steel pipe crossing the T-520 Lateral (an irrigation lateral) for sole purpose of conveying water for agricultural irrigation, at approximately station 63+88

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

RESOLVED: that the 2 Applications by Ranchos Del Rio Ltd., are approved upon the condition that the applicant meets all requirements, 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. 2 Applications by Conterra Ultra Broadband, LLC

Application 3649, by Conterra Ultra Broadband, LLC, for a 25-year license for subsurface fiber optic cable system crossing Juan de Herrera Branch "C" Lateral (an irrigation lateral), at Old Hueco Tanks Rd., at approximately station 37+56

Application 3650, by Conterra Ultra Broadband, LLC, for a 25-year license for subsurface fiber optic cable system crossing Mesa Drain (a drainage canal), at Old Hueco Tanks Rd., at approximately station 765+35

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 2 Applications by Conterra Ultra Broadband, LLC, are approved upon the condition that the applicant meets all requirements, 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. 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 3651, by Hawk Construction, for a license for use of District facilities for conveyance of groundwater from construction dewatering into the Nemexas Drain

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 3651, by Hawk Construction, for a license for use of District facilities for conveyance of groundwater from construction dewatering into the Nemexas Drain, 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:

- a. **License 1990- Application 3578, by the City of Socorro, for an approval letter to place a 10' X 6' concrete box culvert within the Mesa Spur Drain (a drainage canal), for a new roadway Sophie Arroyos Drive, at approximately station 168+96**
- b. **License 1990-Application 3579, by the City of Socorro, for an approval letter to place a 10'X 6' concrete box culvert within the Mesa Spur Drain (a drainage canal), for a new roadway Andrew Arroyos Drive, at approximately station 176+48**

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 Letters of Approval under existing License 1990 for Applications 3578 and 3579 by the City of Socorro are 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 letters, both within 60 days hereafter, and the officers of EPCWID are authorized and directed to execute such letter, a copy of which is attached hereto.

17. Agreement to classify Non-irrigable land as irrigable land:

- a. **Application 3648, by Ambrosio and Carmen Munoz, for classification of block 21, tract 15B, 15C and 15D parcel L Replat, (0.17ac), Socorro Grant, in the City of Socorro, El Paso County, Texas as irrigable land**

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 3648, by Ambrosio and Carmen Munoz, for classification of block 21, tract 15B, 15C and 15D parcel L Replat, (0.17ac), Socorro Grant, in the City of

Socorro, El Paso County, Texas as irrigable land, is approved upon the condition that the applicant meets all requirements of the agreement, including paying all fees and cost required by the agreement 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 agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto.

18. Sale of Surplus District Real Property to an abutting property owner, another district, municipality, county, countywide agency, or authority under 49.226 of the Texas Water Code:

- a. Application 3628, by Angel Dominguez, offer to purchase a portion of land between the Tornillo Canal heading and Fabens Wasteway Channel, approximately 2.30 acres**

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

RESOLVED: that Application 3628, by Angel Dominguez, for the offer to purchase a portion of land between the Tornillo Canal heading and Fabens Wasteway Channel, approximately 2.30 acres, is approved and the officers of El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1 shall execute a Deed Without Warranty to Angel Dominguez, simultaneously with the payment by Angel Dominguez of \$10,500 per acre and providing said payment and signed Deed Warranty, both within 60 days.

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 10:26 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 11:36 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 11:36 a.m.



George Brooks, Secretary