Minutes of Special Meeting Board of Directors El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1 ("EPCWID") June 10, 2016

DIRECTORS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Johnny Stubbs, President	Jesus Reyes, General Manager
Art Ivey, Vice-President	Al Blair, District
	Engineer/Consultant (via skype)
Miguel Teran, Director	Jim Speer, Attorney At Law
Larry Ceballos, Director	Jay Ornelas, Assistant District
	Engineer
DIRECTORS NOT PRESENT	Sharon Atilano, Administrative
	Assistant
Indar Singh, Secretary	Pete Rodriguez, Maintenance
	Manager
	Lisa Aguilar, HR Manager
	Mary Cortez, CFO
	Robert Rios, Water Master
	Sonia Ontiveros, Tax Collector
	Assistant
	Robert Kimpel, Visitor
	Rueben Chavez, Visitor
	Tracy Novale, COEP

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 8:30 a.m., and the Directors then proceeded to consider the following:

2. Welcome of guests.

No action was taken on this item.

3. Swearing in of newly elected directors.

Lisa Aguilar, Human Resources Manager, administered the Oath of Office to Johnny Stubbs and Larry Ceballos.

4. Election of EPCWID Officers.

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

RESOLVED: that the board elects the officers to remain the same.

5. Appeal from and Objections of El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1 to Findings of Special Commissioners in Comanche Trail Pipeline, LLC vs. El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1 In Cause No. 2016DCV0255.

After a motion by Art Ivey, seconded by Miguel Teran, duly considered and carried by unanimous vote of the Board it was:

RESOLVED: that Board of Directors give Jim Speer, Legal Counsel, authorization to file the Appeal from and Objections of El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1 to Findings of Special Commissioners in Comanche Trail Pipeline, LLC vs. El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1 In Cause No. 2016DCV0255.

6. Approval of minutes of Special Meetings held on May 13, 2016, May 18, 2016 and May 20, 2016.

Draft minutes of the Special Meetings on May 13, 2016, May 18, 2016, and May 20, 2016 of the Board of Directors were presented for approval.

After a motion by Larry Ceballos, seconded by Art Ivey, duly considered and carried by unanimous vote of the Board it was:

RESOLVED: that the draft minutes of the Special Meetings held on May 13, 2016, May 18, 2016 and May 20, 2016 are approved.

- 7. Report and recommendations by Mary Cortez, Chief Financial Officer, concerning financial information, expenditures, budget, and investment policy:
 - a. May Report for the month ending May 31, 2016 were presented to the Board of Directors. No action was taken on this item.
 - b. \$500 Expenditure Report for the month of May was presented to the Board of Directors. No action was taken on this item.
 - **c.** Legal & Consulting Fees Budget Report. No action was taken on this item.
- 8. 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. The delinquency report for May were presented and reviewed by the Tax Assessor/Collector/Office Manager.

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

WHEREAS: Sonia Ontiveros, Assistant to Tax Assessor/Collector/Office Manager for EPCWID recommends adjustments or corrections to the tax rolls reviewed during the month of May 2016;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the adjustments and corrections to the 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 tax rolls for the City of El Paso tax rolls reviewed, during the month of May, are approved as shown on the exhibit attached to these minutes.

- b. 2013-2016 El Paso Public Service Board Assignments. No action was taken on this item.
- c. 2015-2016 Lower Valley Water District Assignments. No action was taken on this item.

- d. Comparison of EPCWID tax assessments and collections during 2014 and 2015. No action was taken on this item.
- **e.** Report on tax suits and interventions filed by EPCWID. No action was taken on this item.
- 9. General Manager's report concerning the following:
 - a. Wasteway 18 report and recommended change to Rio Grande Operation Manual by Allocation Committee on April 4, 2016. No action was taken on this item.
 - b. Move July board meeting from Friday, July 8, 2016 to Friday, July 15, 2016. No action was taken on this item.
 - c. Far West Texas Water Planning Group voted Jesus Reyes as its new Chairman. No action was taken on this item.
- 10. 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. Status of 3rd Party Construction in District Canals and Drains. No action was taken on this item.
- 11. Maintenance Manager's report and recommendations concerning the following:

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

12. Water master's report and recommendations concerning the following:

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

13. Water delivery allocations to EPCWID water users and water available by contract.

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

RESOLVED: that Board of Directors give the General Manager, Jesus Reyes, authorization to increase the allocation from 30" to 42" per acre including tax-exempt entities that own irrigable land. Properties tracts under 2 acres of irrigable land in area are allocated to receive 5 more irrigations for a total of 9 for the irrigation season.

- 14. Agreement to classify Non-irrigable Land as Irrigable Land:
 - a. Application 1856, by City of El Paso-Jack Quarles Park, for classification of Lot 16, Block 4, Los Paseos Subdivision Replat B, approximately (2.38 ac), in the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, as irrigable lands.

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

RESOLVED: that Application 1856, by City of El Paso-Jack Quarles Park, for classification of Lot 16, Block 4, Los Paseos Subdivision Replat B, approximately (2.38 ac), in the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, as irrigable lands.

- 15. Status of and/or action on bids for purchases or sale and/or easements of real property: No action was taken on this item.
- 16. Any or all of the items shown on the attached Closed Meeting Agenda. The Board then entered into a closed session at 9:38 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 9:54 a.m. with no action having been taken in the closed session.

17. **Adjournment**. On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Indar Singh, Secretary