# Minutes of Regular Meeting Board of Directors El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1 ("EPCWID") April 11, 2018

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DIRECTORS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Johnny Stubbs, President	Jesus Reyes, General Manager
Art Ivey, Vice-President	Maria O' Brien, Attorney at Law
Indar Singh, Secretary	Phil Bowen, Attorney At Law
Larry Ceballos, Director	Jim Speer, Attorney At Law
	Jay Ornelas, Assistant District
	Engineer
NOT PRESENT	Dr. Al Blair, District Engineer
Miguel Teran, Director	Sharon Atilano, Administrative
	Assistant Engineering
	Adriana Avila, Receptionist
	Lisa Aguilar, Chief Administrative
	Officer
	Mary Cortez, Chief Financial
	Officer
	Rose Rodriguez, Tax
	Collector/Assistant Manager
	Robert Rios, Water Master
	Pete Rodriguez, Maintenance
	Manager
	Kristina Fox, TCDRS
	Amy Campbell, TCDRS
2	Robert Kimpel, Visitor
	Thomas Varlloury, Visitor
	Larry Vasquez, BCR

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. TCDRS Employee Retirement Presentation. No action was taken on this item.
- 4. Draft minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 14, 2018 of the Board of Directors were presented for approval.

After a motion by Art Ivey, 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 14, 2018 are approved.

- 5. Report and recommendations by Mary Cortez, Chief Financial Officer, concerning financial information, expenditures, budget, and investment policy:
  - a. March Report for the month ending March 2018 were presented to the Board of Directors. No action was taken on this item.
  - b. \$500 Expenditure Report for the month of March 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.
  - d. Quarterly Investment Report.

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

RESOLVED: that the Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending March 31, 2018 is approved.

- 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 by the Tax Assessor/Collector/Office Manager. No action was taken on this item.

WHEREAS: Rose Rodriguez, Tax Assessor/Collector/Office Manager for EPCWID recommends adjustments or corrections to the tax rolls reviewed during the month of March 2018;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the adjustments and corrections to the 2017 tax roll for Alfredo & Lucina Alvarez, Celia Aguirre, Maureen Ponce Singleton Revocable Trust and Town of Clint, have been reviewed during the month of March 2018 and are approved as shown on the exhibit attached to these minutes.

- b. 2013-2018 City of El Paso Public Service Board Assignments, 2013-2018 Lower Valley Water District Assignments and Report on tax suits and adjustments. No action was taken on this item.
- c. Comparison of EPCWID tax assessments and collections during 2016 and 2017. No action was taken on this item.
- 7. General Manager's report concerning the following:
  - a. Alfredo Amaya vs Jesus Reyes, General Manager, EPCWID, No. 718-00030-CV, Justice of The Peace, Precinct Seven, El Paso County, Texas. No action was taken on this item.
  - b. Resolution for submission for a grant application to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation WaterSmart and Energy Efficiency Program Requesting funds for canal lining at the Riverside canal.

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

# **RESOLVED:** (as shown in full on the attached exhibit)

c. Resolution for submission for a grant application to the U.S Bureau of Reclamation Water Conservation Field Services Program requesting funds for engineering and design of portions of the Riverside Canal and the Franklin Feeder.

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

### **RESOLVED:** (as shown in full on the attached exhibit)

- d. \$1.2 billion in FEMA funding is available for flood mitigation projects in the State of Texas administered through the Texas Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). No action was taken on this item.
- 8. District Engineer's report and recommendations concerning the following:
  - a. Rio Grande Project Operating Agreement Accounting.

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

RESOLVED: that the modifications to the Operating Manual presented by Dr. Al Blair are approved.

**b. Rio Grande Compact Accounting.** No action was taken in 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. 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. Applications for Licenses for Use of District Real Property: None No action was taken on this item.
- 13. Sale of Surplus District Real Property under 49.226 of the Texas Water Code: **None**
- 14. Any or all of the items shown on the attached Closed Meeting Agenda. The Board then entered into a closed session at 10:44 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 11:11 a.m. with no action having been taken in the closed session.

15. **Adjournment**. On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board Meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Indar Singh, Secretary

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

## El Paso County Water Improvement District No.1

El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1 resolves to authorize the General Manager or the District Engineer to submit and take any Administrative Action required to complete an application to the United States Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grants program for a Grant totaling \$1,000,000 to conserve water and improve the District's water use efficiency by concrete lining a portion of the Riverside Canal.

Whereas, the EI Paso County Water Improvement District No.1 (the District) is a political subdivision of the State of Texas and was organized under Chapter 59, Article 16 of the Texas Constitution and operates under Chapter 55 and Chapter 49, in part, of the Texas Water Code;

Now Therefore, the Board of Directors of the District hereby resolve to support the District's application for a Grant and authorizes the General Manager or the District Engineer to submit and take any administrative action required to complete applications to the United States Bureau of Reclamation and if the District is selected to receive a Grant, to negotiate an agreement to be approved by the District's Board of Directors. The District shall fund 50% of the Project Costs with the total Project Cost not to exceed an amount of \$2,000,000.

El Paso County Water Improvement District No.1

By Johnny Stubbs, President

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **El Paso County Water Improvement District No.1**

El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1 resolves to authorize the General Manager or the District Engineer to submit and take any Administrative Action required to complete an application to the United States Bureau of Reclamation Water Conservation Field Services Program for a Grant totaling \$75,000 to conserve water and improve the District's water use efficiency.

Whereas, the EI Paso County Water Improvement District No.1 (the District) is a political subdivision of the State of Texas and was organized under Chapter 59, Article 16 of the Texas Constitution and operates under Chapter 55 and Chapter 49, in part, of the Texas Water Code;

**Now Therefore**, the Board of Directors of the District hereby resolve to support the District's application for a Grant and authorizes the General Manager or the District Engineer to submit and take any administrative action required to complete applications to the United States Bureau of Reclamation and if the District is selected to receive a Grant, to negotiate an agreement to be approved by the District's Board of Directors. The District shall fund 50% of the Project Costs with the total Project Cost not to exceed an amount of \$150,000.

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By: Johnny Stubbs, President