

**Minutes of Special Meeting  
Board of Directors  
El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1  
(EPCWID)  
June 19, 2024**

<b>DIRECTORS PRESENT</b>	<b>EMPLOYEES PRESENT</b>
<b>Art Ivey, Vice-President</b>	<b>Jay Ornelas, PE General Manager</b>
<b>Larry Ceballos, Secretary</b>	<b>Lisa Aguilar, Chief Administrative Officer</b>
<b>Miguel Teran, Director</b>	<b>Sharon Atilano, Licensing Manager</b>
<b>George Brooks, Director</b>	<b>Rose Rodriguez, Tax Assessor Collector</b>
	<b>Pete Rodriguez, Maintenance Manager</b>
<b>NOT PRESENT</b>	<b>Robert Rios, Water Master</b>
<b>Johnny Stubbs, President</b>	<b>Enrique Perez, Operations Supervisor</b>
	<b>Cathy Oyston, Water Records/ Dispatch Supervisor</b>
<b>LEGAL COUNSEL</b>	<b>Claudia Ruiz, Administrative Assistant</b>
<b>Renea Hicks, Attorney At Law</b>	<b>Sonia Ontiveros, Tax Collector Assistant</b>
<b>DISTRICT ENGINEER</b>	
<b>Dr. Al Blair, PE District Engineer</b>	<b>GUESTS</b>
	<b>Robert Kimpel, Guest</b>
	<b>Ernesto Madrid, Clint Border Patrol</b>
	<b>Martha Nunez, Clint Border Patrol</b>

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. Acknowledgment of Receipt and Acceptance of Letter from President Johnny Stubbs to District Board of Directors, through Board Secretary Larry Ceballos, on his resignation from the Board.

Mr. Ceballos announced, and the District Board of Directors accepted Mr. Stubbs resignation letter.

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 District Board of Directors has accepted from President Johnny Stubbs, his resignation letter.**

4. Minutes of May 8, 2024 meeting of the Board of Directors.

After a motion by George Brooks, 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 May 8, 2024 are approved.**

5. Report and recommendations by Lisa Aguilar, Chief Administrative Officer/Election Officer, concerning office operations, and elections: **None.**
6. Report and recommendations by Mary Cortez, Chief Financial Officer, concerning financial information, expenditures, budget, and investment policy: **None.**
7. 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.
8. General Manager's report concerning the following:
  - a. Update from USBR meeting on May 10, 2024, in Albuquerque, NM.** No action was taken on this item.
  - b. Tire amnesty held on May 17, 2024, at Rios yard.** No action was taken on this item.
9. 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.
10. Water Master's report and recommendations concerning the following:

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

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

- a. Application 3493, by BRE Development LLC, for Inglewood Valley Unit One, all of tracts 2B, and 3D, block 2, Ysleta grant, and a portion of tract 2B, block 6, Socorro grant, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, containing 4.94 acres**

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 application 3493, by BRE Development LLC, for Inglewood Valley Unit One, all of tracts 2B, and 3D, block 2, Ysleta grant, and a portion of tract 2B, block 6, Socorro grant, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, containing 4.94 acres for a submission of an irrigable land exhibit is approved.**

- b. Application 3494, by Octavio Saavedra, for Sepaju No. 2, being a portion of tract 7, aka tract 7B and all of tract 8, block 52, Ysleta grant, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, containing 12.82 acres**

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 3494, by Octavio Saavedra, for Sepaju No. 2, being a portion of tract 7, aka tract 7B and all of tract 8, block 52, Ysleta grant, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, containing 12.82 acres for a submission of an irrigable land exhibit is approved.**

- c. Application 3312, by SLC Building 1, LLC and SLC Building 8, LLC, being all of tract 8, 9, 10A and 11C, and a portion of**

**tract 10A1 and 11C1, block 5, Socorro grant, City of Socorro,  
El Paso County, Texas, containing 60.74 acres**

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 3312, by SLC Building 1, LLC and SLC Building 8, LLC, being all of tract 8, 9, 10A and 11C, and a portion of tract 10A1 and 11C1, block 5, Socorro grant, City of Socorro, El Paso County, Texas, containing 60.74 acres for a submission of an irrigable land exhibit is approved.**

14. Applications for Licenses and Memorandums of Understanding for Use of District Real Property:

**a. 4 Applications for FiberLight**

**Application 3445, by FiberLight, for a 25-year license for a subsurface fiber optic cable system crossing the Wadlington Lateral (an irrigation lateral), at Alameda Avenue, approximately station 1+36**

**Application 3446, by FiberLight, for a 25-year license for a subsurface fiber optic cable system crossing the Ysla Lateral (an irrigation lateral), at Alameda Avenue, approximately station 1+14**

**Application 3447, by FiberLight, for a 25-year license for a subsurface fiber optic cable system crossing the Daugherty Lateral (an irrigation lateral), at Alameda Avenue, approximately station 1+14**

**Application 3448, by FiberLight, for a 25-year license for a subsurface fiber optic cable system crossing the Salitral Lateral (an irrigation lateral), at Alameda Avenue, approximately station 2+28**

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 Fiberlight, 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. Application 3479, by City of Socorro, for a renewal of a 25-year license to maintain a public park and associated facilities on the surface of a portion of Mesa Drain (an irrigation drainage canal) at Delilah Ave., between approximate station 633+80 to 644+30**

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 application 3479, by City of Socorro, for a renewal of a 25-year license to maintain a public park and associated facilities on the surface of a portion of Mesa Drain (an irrigated drainage canal) at Delilah Ave., between approximate station 633+80 to 644+30, 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.**

- c. 2 Applications for Fiesta Palms, LTD**

**Application 3486, by Fiesta Palms, LTD, for a 25-year license to place an 8-inch water potable water line inside a 16-inch steel casing, crossing the Y-147 Lateral (an irrigation lateral), at approximately station 81+86**

**Application 3488, by Fiesta Palms, LTD, for a 25-year license to place a 6-inch water potable water line inside a 12-inch steel casing, crossing the Y-147 Lateral (an irrigation lateral), at approximately station 81+86**

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 2 applications for Fiesta Palms, 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.**

**d. Application 3491, by Masota Construction Corporation, for a Temporary Construction License along the right bank of the Nemexas Drain (a drainage canal), from Lazy Willow, between approximately station 9+50 to 24+69**

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 application 3491, by Masota Construction Corporation, for a Temporary Construction License along the right bank of the Nemexas Drain (a drainage canal), from Lazy Willow, between approximately station 9+50 to 24+69, 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. Application 3492, by ZTEX Construction, Inc., for a Temporary Construction License on the Mesa Spur Drain (a drainage canal), from station 296+84**

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 application 3492, by ZTEX Construction, Inc., for a Temporary Construction License on the Mesa Spur Drain (a drainage canal), from station 296+84, 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.**

- 15. Letters of No Objection for Natural Gas Service installed with the Rights-of-Ways of Public Roads: **None.**
- 16. Approval of Construction Dewatering Licenses for Conveyance Groundwater:
  - a. Application 3490, by Bain Construction, for a license for use of District facilities for conveyance of groundwater from construction dewatering into the Canutillo Lateral**

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 Application 3490, by Bain Construction, for a license for use of District facilities for conveyance of groundwater from construction dewatering into the Canutillo 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.**

17. Letters of Approval and/or Amendments of existing License Agreements:

- a. **License 1990-Application 3469, by the City of Socorro, to place a 4'x4' concrete box culvert in the Y-147 Lateral at Horizon Park subdivision, for Francisco Vaquera Dr., a new roadway approximately sta. 81+79**
- b. **License 1990-Application 3470, by the City of Socorro, to place a 4'x4' concrete box culvert in the Y-147 Lateral at Horizon Park Subdivision, for Francisco Vaquera Dr., a new roadway approximately sta. 84+27**

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 two Letters of Approval under existing License Agreements 1990-Application 3469 and Application 3470, 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.**

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

- a. **Application 3495, by Jorge Martinez, for classification of block 02, Lot 15, San Elizario Grant, 13471 Virrey Rd., Clint, Texas, (1.09 ac), Hacienda Real, El Paso County, Texas as irrigable land**

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 3495, by Jorge Martinez, for classification of block 02, Lot 15, San Elizario Grant, 13471 Virrey Rd., Clint, Texas, (1.09 ac), Hacienda Real, 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.

- b. **Application 3497, by Chris Stewart, for classification of block 02, Tract 22B6, Upper Valley Grant, 724 Gary Ln., El Paso, Texas (0.82 ac), in the City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas as irrigable land**

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

**RESOLVED:** that Application 3497, by Chris Stewart, for classification of block 02, Tract 22B6, Upper Valley Grant, 724 Gary Ln., El Paso, Texas (0.82 ac), in the City of El Paso, 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.

- 19. Sale of Surplus District Real Property under 49.226 of the Texas Water Code:

**a. Declaration of surplus land a portion of Mesa Spur Drain, from station 316+11 to 350+63, approximately 9.50 acres.**

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 approximately 9.50 acres of the Mesa Spur Drain, from station 316+11 to 350+63 is declared surplus to the needs of EPCWID.**

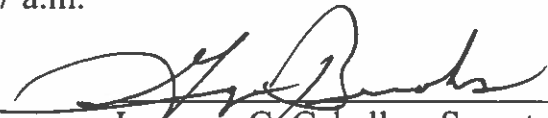
20. Grants Agreements involving District Real Property: **None.**

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

**The Board then entered into a closed session at 10:39 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 11:15 a.m. with no action having been taken in the closed session.**

22. Consideration of agenda items for next regular board meeting.

23. **Adjournment.** On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board Meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

  
~~Lorenzo C. Ceballos, Secretary~~  
George Brooks  
