

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1
(EPCWID)
May 14, 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
	Rose Rodriguez, Tax Assessor Collector
	Cathy Oyston, Water Records/ Dispatch Supervisor
LEGAL COUNSEL	Claudia Ruiz, Administrative Assistant
Renea Hicks, Attorney At Law (via zoom)	Sonia Ontiveros, Tax Collector Assistant
Maria O' Brien, Attorney At Law (via zoom)	Rene Carmona, Safety Officer
	Josh Quinn, Water Records Coordinator, Safety
	GUESTS
DISTRICT ENGINEER	Robert Kimpel, Guest
Dr. Al Blair, PE District Engineer	Rosario Arroyo, Property Owner
	Ana Luisa Dorador, Property Owner
	Ernest Madrid, US Border Patrol
	Jerry Melendez, USBOR
	Salvador Flores, Flores Farms

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 April 9, 2025, April 16, 2025, April 24, 2025, and April 25, 2025 meetings of the Board of Directors.

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 draft minutes of the regular meeting held on April 9, 2025 are approved.

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 draft minutes of the special meeting held on April 16, 2025 are approved.

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 the draft minutes of the special meeting held on April 24, 2025 are approved.

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 special meeting held on April 25, 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 April 2025:

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:

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

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

1. **Bean Woodrow W III & Tamara R to El Paso County Trustee, (16.40), 2024, 2009 to 2023.**

2. **Herrera Esther M to El Paso County Trustee, (28.19), 2024, 2005 to 2023.**
3. **Passero Walter G & Lynne A & H R R Farms to City of El Paso Trustee, (2.29), 2024, 2005 to 2023.**
4. **Passero Walter G & Lynne A & H R R Farms to City of El Paso Trustee, (23.86), 2024, 2005 to 2023.**
5. **Passero Walter G & Lynne A & H R R Farms to City of El Paso Trustee, (0.71), 2024, 2005 to 2023.**
6. **Binkley Lois Etal to City of El Paso Trustee, (3.76), 2024, 2005 to 2023.**

- 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:

- a. **FY 2025 – FY 2026 Administrative Cost Agreement for the Far West Texas Water Plan.**

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 FY 2025 – FY 2026 Administrative Cost Agreement for the Far West Texas Water Plan is approved.

- b. **Farmers Meeting Regarding 2025 Water Supply on May 14, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. No action was taken on this item.**

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.

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

RESOLVED: that the final amount available for delivery to the City of El Paso starting on June 2, 2025, is 5,667.78 acre-feet for 2025, which is equal to the amount of water specified for a 1.5 acre-foot per acre annual delivery allocation in Table 1 of the 2001 Rio Grande Project Implementing Third-Party Contract among the United States of America Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation, the El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1, and the City of El Paso joined by its Public Service Board.

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

- a. **Application 3574, by Bowling Brothers Development Co., LLC, for Horizon Park Unit One Replat A Subdivision, being a replat of all of lot 3, block 1, Horizon Park Unit One, El Paso County, Texas, containing 23.42 acres**

After a motion by Miguel Teran 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 3574, by Bowling Brothers Development Co., LLC, for Horizon Park Unit One Replat A Subdivision, being a replat of all of lot 3, block 1, Horizon Park Unit One, El Paso County, Texas, containing 23.42 acres for a submission of an irrigable land exhibit is approved.

b. Application 3591, by Roberto Gardea, for Gardea Subdivision, being a portion of tract 8B, block 4, Upper Valley Survey, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, containing 0.9200 acres

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

RESOLVED: that Application 3591, by Roberto Gardea, for Gardea Subdivision, being a portion of tract 8B, block 4, Upper Valley Survey, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, containing 0.9200 acres for a submission of an irrigable land exhibit is approved.

c. Application 3593, by Tony Read, for Jeff Jones Subdivision, being tract 2-D-3-B and tract 5-D, block 19, San Elizario Grant, El Paso County, Texas, containing 2.001 acres

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 3593, by Tony Read, for Jeff Jones Subdivision, being tract 2-D-3-B and tract 5-D, block 19, San Elizario Grant, El Paso County, Texas, containing 2.001 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. Application 3526, by Bain Construction, Inc., for a Temporary Construction License for ingress and egress use of right bank of the Mesa Spur Drain (a drainage canal), at approximately station 167+50 to 106+00**

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:

RESOLVED: that the Application 3526, by Bain Construction, Inc., for a Temporary Construction License for ingress and egress use of right bank of the Mesa Spur Drain (a drainage canal), at approximately station 167+50 to 106+00, 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.

- b. Application 3613, by Essential Landscaping & Sprinklers, Inc., for a Temporary Construction License for ingress and egress use of right bank of the Nemexas Drain (a drainage canal), at approximately station 25+80 to 10+00**

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 3613, by Essential Landscaping & Sprinklers, Inc., for a Temporary Construction License for ingress and egress use of right bank of the Nemexas Drain (a drainage canal), at approximately station 25+80 to 10+00, 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. 11 Applications for Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC

Application 3588, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC, for a 25-year license for an aerial fiber optic cable system crossing the I-270 Lateral (an irrigation lateral), at Middle Island Rd., at approximately station 0+00

Application 3589, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC, for a 25-year license for an aerial fiber optic cable system crossing the Hansen Lateral (an irrigation lateral), at Island Tornillo Rd., at approximately station 96+60

Application 3590, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC, for a 25-year license for an aerial fiber optic cable system crossing the Hansen Lateral (an irrigation lateral), at Middle Island Rd., at approximately station 156+12

Application 3594, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC, for a 25-year license for an aerial fiber optic cable system crossing the West Drain (a drainage canal), at Gardner Rd., at approximately station 227+60

Application 3595, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC, for a 25-year license for an aerial fiber optic cable system crossing the Baker Lateral (an irrigation lateral), at Gardner Rd., at approximately station 140+87

Application 3603, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC, for a 25-year license for an aerial fiber optic cable system crossing the Clint Lateral (an irrigation lateral), within Athena West Subdivision, at approximately station 164+00

Application 3604, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC, for a 25-year license for an aerial fiber optic cable system crossing the Clint

Lateral (an irrigation lateral), at Celum Rd., at approximately station 174+95

Application 3605, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC, for a 25-year license for an aerial fiber optic cable system crossing the Mesa Drain (a drainage canal), at Young John St., at approximately station 464+00

Application 3606, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC, for a 25-year license for an aerial fiber optic cable system crossing the Mesa Drain (a drainage canal), within Athena West Subdivision, at approximately station 476+15

Application 3607, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC, for a 25-year license for an aerial fiber optic cable system crossing the Mesa Spur Drain (a drainage canal), within Athena West Subdivision, at approximately station 368+45

Application 3609, by Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC, for a 25-year license for an aerial fiber optic cable system crossing the Alamo Alto Drain (a drainage canal), at Alameda Ave., at approximately station 483+52

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 11 applications for 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.

d. 4 Applications for InnerCity FiberNet LLC d/b/a Gigabit Fiber

Application 3599, by Inner City FiberNet, LLC d/b/a Gigabit Fiber, for a 25-year license for a subsurface fiber optic cable

system crossing Bowman Lateral (an irrigation lateral), at North Loop Dr., at approximately station 31+33

Application 3600, by Inner City FiberNet, LLC d/b/a Gigabit Fiber, for a 25-year license for a subsurface fiber optic cable system crossing Middle Drain (a drainage canal), at Zaragoza Rd., at approximately station 788+05

Application 3601, by Inner City FiberNet, LLC d/b/a Gigabit Fiber, for a 25-year license for a subsurface fiber optic cable system crossing Juan De Herrera Branch B Lateral (an irrigation lateral), at North Loop Dr., at approximately station 35+97

Application 3602, by Inner City FiberNet, LLC d/b/a Gigabit Fiber, for a 25-year license for a subsurface fiber optic cable system crossing Juan De Herrera Branch A Lateral (an irrigation lateral), at North Loop Dr., at approximately station 13+96

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 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.

- e. Application 3611, by Conterra Ultra Broadband, LLC, for a 25-year license for license for a subsurface fiber optic cable system crossing Quemada Lateral (an irrigation lateral), at Socorro Rd., at approximately station 15+39**

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 3611, by Conterra Ultra Broadband, LLC, for a 25-year license for license for a subsurface fiber optic cable system crossing Quemada Lateral (an irrigation lateral), at Socorro Rd., at approximately station 15+39, 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.

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 3558, by Bain Construction, for a license for use of District facilities for conveyance of groundwater from construction dewatering into the Nemexas Drain

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 3558, by Bain 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: **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: **None.**
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 10:08 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 11:09 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 11:11 a.m.



Jarrett Rogers, Assistant Secretary