

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1
(EPCWID)
November 12, 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, Director	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)	Josh Quinn, Water Records Coordinator, Safety
	Rene Carmona, Safety Officer
DISTRICT ENGINEER	GUESTS
Dr. Al Blair, PE District Engineer (via zoom)	Robert Kimpel, Guest
	Juan V. Fernandez, USBR
	Victor Macias, USBR

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 October 15, 2025 meeting of the Board of Directors.

After a motion by Jarett Rogers, 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 special meeting held on October 15, 2025 are approved.

4. Report and recommendations by Lisa Aguilar, Chief Administrative Officer/Election Officer, concerning office operations, and elections:
 - a. **May 2, 2026 Election Information.** No action was taken on this item.
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.** No action was taken on this item.
 - b. **2013-2025 The City of El Paso and it's Public Service Board Assignments, 2013-2025 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.

d. Certify 2025-2026 Tax Roll

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 tax roll for the calendar year 2025-2026 is approved and certified.

7. General Manager's report concerning the following:

a. Resolution of appreciation and the dedication of District Offices in Clint, Texas in the name of Johnny p. Stubbs

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: (as shown in full on the attached exhibit)

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. **None.**
12. Subdivision Plats within District Boundary requirement in License Manual (irrigable land exhibit):

- a. Application 3655, by Formation Interests, for Formation Park At El Camino Real, being out of block 41 & 50, Ysleta Grant, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, approximately 52.12 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 the Application 3655, by Formation Interests, for Formation Park At El Camino Real, being out of block 41 & 50, Ysleta Grant, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, approximately 52.12 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. 7 applications for InnerCity FiberNet, LLC**

Application 3666, by InnerCity FiberNet, LLC d/b/a Gigabit Fiber, for a 25-year license for a subsurface fiber optic cable system crossing Mesa Drain (a drainage canal), at North Loop, at approximately station 1136+44

Application 3667, 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 Branch C (an irrigation lateral), at North Loop, at approximately station 13+28

Application 3671, 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. Zaragoza, at approximately station 203+74

Application 3672, by InnerCity FiberNet, LLC d/b/a Gigabit Fiber, for a 25-year license for a subsurface fiber optic cable system crossing Mesa Drain (a drainage canal), at Nuevo Hueco Tanks, at approximately station 770+65

Application 3673, 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 Branch C (an irrigation lateral), at Nuevo Hueco Tanks, at approximately station 33+32

Application 3677, 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 168+69

Application 3678, by InnerCity FiberNet, LLC d/b/a Gigabit Fiber, for a 25-year license for a subsurface fiber optic cable system crossing Mesa Spur Drain (a drainage canal), at Nuevo Hueco Tanks Rd., at approximately station 315+92

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 7 applications for InnerCity FiberNet, 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.

- b. Application 3652, by Mount Carmel Cemetary & The Catholic Diocese, for a 25-year license to place a concrete box culvert within the Southside Feeder Lateral (an irrigation canal), for a new private roadway, at approximately station 58+44**

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 3652, by Mount Carmel Cemetary & The Catholic Diocese, for a 25-year license to place a concrete box culvert within the Southside Feeder Lateral (an irrigation canal), for a new private roadway, at approximately station 58+44, 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. Application 3653, by FIELP #1 LLC, for a 25-year license to place a concrete box culvert within the Southside Feeder Lateral (an irrigation canal), for a new private roadway, approximately station 61+71**

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 3653, by FIELP #1 LLC, for a 25-year license to place a concrete box culvert within the Southside Feeder Lateral (an irrigation canal), for a new private roadway, approximately station 61+71, 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 3665, by the City of El Paso through its El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board, for a 25-year license to install an 8-inch pvc sanitary sewer main inside a 16-inch casing across the Mesa Drain (a drainage canal), at Loop 375, at approximately station 838+16**

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 3665, by the City of El Paso through its El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board, for a 25-year license to install an 8-inch pvc sanitary sewer main inside a 16-inch casing across the Mesa Drain (a drainage canal), at Loop 375, at approximately station 838+16, 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 3674, by Lower Valley Water District, for a 25-year license, to install a 12-inch sanitary sewer line inside a 16-inch steel casing, crossing the Daugherty Lateral (an irrigation canal), at Sunset Valley Ave., at approximately station 121+21**

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 3674, by Lower Valley Water District, for a 25-year license, to install a 12-inch sanitary sewer line inside a 16-inch steel casing, crossing the Daugherty Lateral

(an irrigation canal), at Sunset Valley Ave., at approximately station 121+21, 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.

- f. **Application 3675, by Lower Valley Water District, for a 25-year license to install an 8-inch water line inside a 12-inch steel casing, crossing the Daugherty Lateral (an irrigation canal), at Sunset Valley Ave., at approximately station 121+35**

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 3675, by Lower Valley Water District, for a 25-year license to install an 8-inch water line inside a 12-inch steel casing, crossing the Daugherty Lateral (an irrigation canal), at Sunset Valley Ave., at approximately station 121+35, 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.

- g. **Application 3687, by Bain Construction, for a Temporary Construction License for construction of a water line across the Mesa Spur Drain (a drainage canal), at approximately station 182+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 3687, by Bain Construction, for a Temporary Construction License for construction of a water line across the Mesa Spur Drain (a drainage canal), at approximately station 182+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.

- h. Application 3690, by JNC Development, Inc., for a Temporary Construction License for private ingress and egress within the Mesa Drain (a drainage canal) for use of right bank, at approximately station 437+00 to 442+00**

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 Application 3690, by JNC Development, Inc., for a Temporary Construction License for private ingress and egress within the Mesa Drain (a drainage canal) for use of right bank, at approximately station 437+00 to 442+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.

- i. Application 3691, by Tropicana Properties, Inc., for a Temporary Construction License for private ingress and egress on the right bank of Nemexas Drain (a drainage canal) to construct a pool at 817 Forest Willow, at approximately station 33+00 to 10+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 3691, by Tropicana Properties, Inc., for a Temporary Construction License for private ingress and egress on the right bank of Nemexas Drain (a drainage canal) to construct a pool at 817 Forest Willow, at approximately station 33+00 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.

14. Letters of No Objection for Natural Gas Service installed within the Rights-of-Ways of Public Roads:

a. 2 letters of No Objection for Natural Gas Service

Application 3661, by Texas Gas Service Company, a division of ONE Gas, for installation of 2-inch PPE steel main natural gas line pipeline encased in 4-inch steel pipe, crossing the Mesa Spur Drain (a drainage canal), at Andrew Arroyos Dr., at approximately station 176+24

Application 3662, by Texas Gas Service Company, a division of ONE Gas, for installation of 2-inch PPE steel main natural gas line pipeline encased in 4-inch steel pipe, crossing the Mesa Spur Drain (a drainage canal), at Sophie Arroyos Dr., at approximately station 169+32

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

RESOLVED: that the 2 letters of No Objection for Natural Gas Service, 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.

15. Approval of Construction Dewatering Licenses for Conveyance Groundwater: **None.**

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

- a. License 2050-Application 3597, by the County of El Paso, to place a concrete sidewalk across the Tornillo Canal (an irrigation canal) at Henderson Rd., for a shared use path, at approximately station 294+34**

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 License 2050-Application 3597, by the County of El Paso, to place a concrete sidewalk across the Tornillo Canal (an irrigation canal) at Henderson Rd., for a shared use path, at approximately station 294+34, 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 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.

- b. License 2050-Application 3598, by the County of El Paso, to place a concrete sidewalk across the Alamo Alto Drain (a drainage canal), at Henderson Rd., for a shared use path, at approximately station 264+62**


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 License 2050-Application 3598, by the County of El Paso, to place a concrete sidewalk across the Alamo Alto Drain (a drainage canal), at Henderson Rd., for a shared use path, at approximately station 264+62, 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 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: **None.**
18. Sale or discussion 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: **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 10:13 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 10:50 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 10:51 a.m.


George Brooks, Secretary