

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1
(EPCWID)
April 8, 2026**

DIRECTORS PRESENT	EMPLOYEES PRESENT
Art Ivey, President	Lisa Aguilar, General Manager/ CAO
Larry Ceballos, Vice-President	Mary Cortez, Chief Financial Officer
George Brooks, Secretary	Enrique Perez, Water Master
Jarett Rogers, Director	Pete Rodriguez, Maintenance Manager
Miguel Teran, Director	Rose Rodriguez, Tax Assessor Collector
	Sharon Atilano, Licensing Manager
	Sonia Ontiveros, Tax Collector Assistant
LEGAL COUNSEL	Claudia Ruiz, Administrative Assistant
Renea Hicks, Attorney At Law (via zoom)	Jackie Garcia, Administrative Assistant
Maria O' Brien, Attorney At Law (via zoom)	Caleb Silva, Ditchrider
DISTRICT ENGINEER	GUESTS
Jay Ornelas, PE District Engineer	Robert Kimpel, Guest
Dr. Al Blair, Consultant Engineer (via zoom)	Larry Vasquez, BOR

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 March 18, 2026 meeting of the Board of Directors.

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 March 18, 2026 is 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.
 - d. **Quarterly Investment Report**

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

RESOLVED: that the Quarterly Investment report for period ending March 31, 2026 is approved.

- e. **Authorization for signature on all accounts with WestStar bank for Lisa Aguilar, General Manager and removal of previous general manager authorization**

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: (as shown in full on the attached exhibit)

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 March 2026:

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 March 2026;

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

- 1. Rodriguez, Hugo, (\$3.74), 2026**
 - 2. Gonzalez, Herlinda E., (\$22.66), 2022, 2023, and 2024**
 - 3. El Paso County Housing Finance Corporation, (\$108.24), 2025**
 - 4. El Paso County Housing Finance Corporation, (\$99.95), 2025**
- b. 2013-2026 The City of El Paso and it's Public Service Board Assignments, 2013-2026 Lower Valley Water District Assignments and Report on tax suits. No action was taken on this item.**
- d. Comparison of EPCWID tax assessments and collection during 2024 and 2025. No action was taken on this item.**

7. General Manager's report concerning the following:

- a. **Rio Grande Compact Commission annual meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico on April 17, 2026.** No action was taken on this item.
- b. **Proposed revisions to 2001 Third-Party Implementing Contract among United States, EPCWID, and City of El Paso.** 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. **None.**

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

- a. **Application 3727, by Carlos D. Bombach, for Crossland Unit Two Subdivision, being a portion of tract 18A, Block 22, San Elizario, Grant, El Paso County, Texas, containing 19.07 acres**

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 Application 3727, by Carlos D. Bombach, for Crossland Unit Two Subdivision, being a portion of tract 18A, Block 22, San Elizario, Grant, El Paso County, Texas, containing 19.07 acres for a submission of an irrigable land exhibit is approved.

b. Application 3728, by Carlos D. Bombach, for Crossland Unit Three Subdivision, being a portion of tract 18A, Block 22, San Elizario Grant, El Paso County, Texas, containing 18.30 acres

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 Application 3728, by Carlos D. Bombach, for Crossland Unit Three Subdivision, being a portion of tract 18A, Block 22, San Elizario Grant, El Paso County, Texas, containing 18.30 acres for a submission of an irrigable land exhibit is approved.

c. Application 3731, by El Paso Ardent LLC, for Ardent Estates Subdivision, being tracts 14A, 14A1A, 14E1, 14E2, 14F1 and 14F2, Block 8, Upper Valley Survey, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, containing 4.33 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 the Application 3731, by El Paso Ardent LLC, for Ardent Estates Subdivision, being tracts 14A, 14A1A, 14E1, 14E2, 14F1 and 14F2, Block 8, Upper Valley Survey, City of El

Paso, El Paso County, Texas, containing 4.33 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 3726, by El Paso Electric Company, for a 50-year license for an upgrade of existing transmission line and pole, crossing Ysla Lateral (an irrigation lateral), at 11059 North Loop Dr., at approximately station 211+3**

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 3726, by El Paso Electric Company, for a 50-year license for an upgrade of existing transmission line and pole, crossing Ysla Lateral (an irrigation lateral), at 11059 North Loop Dr., at approximately station 211+3, 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 3740, by Zenitram General Contractors, for a Temporary Construction License for private ingress and egress to concrete line community ditch at 4256 Boy Scout Lane, on right bank of Montoya Drain (drainage canal), at approximately station 105+56**

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 3740, by Zenitram General Contractors, for a Temporary Construction License for private ingress and egress to concrete line community ditch at 4256 Boy Scout Lane, on right bank of Montoya Drain (drainage canal), at approximately station 105+56, 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: **None.**

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

a. 5 applications by AT&T

Application 3733, by AT&T, to install aerial fiber optic cable system crossing the Franklin Drain (a drainage canal), at Camino De La Rosa Rd., at approximately station 22+65

Application 3734, by AT&T, to install aerial fiber optic cable system crossing the Franklin Canal (an irrigation canal), at Jesus Barrera Ave., at approximately station 1111+94

Application 3735, by AT&T, to install aerial fiber optic cable system crossing the Mesa Spur Drain, (a drainage canal), at Sugden Rd., at approximately station 6+05

Application 3736, by AT&T, to install subsurface fiber optic cable system crossing the Nemexas Drain (a drainage canal), at Borderland Rd., at approximately station 294+03

Application 3739, by AT&T, to install aerial fiber optic cable system crossing Jornado Lateral (an irrigation lateral), at Padilla Dr., at approximately station 96+01

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 5 applications by AT&T, 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.

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:
 - a. **TWDB Grant for Concrete Lining of a portion of the Franklin Canal in vicinity of the El Paso Zoo.** No action was taken on this item.
20. Any or all of the items shown on the attached Closed Meeting Agenda.

The Board then entered into a closed session at 10:25 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 11:51 a.m. with no action having been taken in the closed session. After returning from open session, the Board then entered immediately into recess at 11:51 a.m.

The board returned to the open session at 1:00 p.m. for the Public Meeting for Information Purposes regarding 2026 Irrigable Land water allocation.

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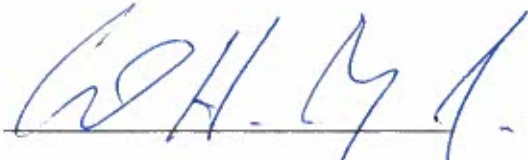
21. Consideration of agenda items for next regular board meeting.
22. Public Meeting for Information Purposes only regarding 2026 Irrigable Land water allocation. **No action was taken on this item.**
24. **Adjournment.** On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board Meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.



George Brooks, Secretary

Resolution for Item 5E Authorization for signature on all accounts with WestStar bank for Lisa D. Aguilar, General Manager and removal of previous general manager authorization

Resolved that the Board Directors authorize the addition of Lisa D. Aguilar, General Manager, to all accounts with WestStar bank and removal of previous general manager.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. H. Ivey Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Arthur H. Ivey Jr., Board President

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George Brooks", written over a horizontal line.

George Brooks, Board Secretary



March 2026

Tax Assessment and Charges Adjustments

	Date	Owner #	Owner Name	Land #	Tax Assessment	Water Delivery - Allotment	Water Delivery - Non-Allotment	Accounting Service Charge (ASC)	Penalty & Interest (P&In)	Total	Tax Years and Explanation
1	3/3/2026	00571043	Rodriguez Hugo	20726480	0.00	0.00	0.00	(3.74)	0.00	(3.74)	An additional service fee is charged on International On-Line payments. Discrepancy discovered after property owner protest 2025 tax assessment in February 2026.
2	3/13/2026	00263800	Gonzalez Herlinda E	83880902	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(22.66)	(22.66)	Public Service Board Assignment expired and inadvertently the mailing address was not updated to that of El Paso Central Appraisal District records. Per Texas Property Tax Code Sec.33.011. Waiver of Penalty and Interest (a)(1) applies. <u>Need to waive Penalty & Interest for tax years 2022, 2023, and 2024.</u>
3	3/25/2026	01025295	El Paso County Housing Finance Corporation	43783020	(99.30)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(8.94)	(108.24)	Property was awarded tax exempt status on April 21, 2025 therefore <u>need to pro-rate the 2025 tax assessment and penalty and interest charges (110 days taxable/255 days non-taxable).</u>
4	3/25/2026	01025295	El Paso County Housing Finance Corporation	61008900	(91.70)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(8.25)	(99.95)	Property was awarded tax exempt status on April 21, 2025 therefore <u>need to pro-rate the 2025 tax assessment and penalty and interest charges (110 days taxable/255 days non-taxable).</u>
Total Adjustments					(191.00)	0.00	0.00	(3.74)	(39.85)	(234.59)	