

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
 Board of Directors
 El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1
 (EPCWID)
 May 13, 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
Hector L. Rodriguez, 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)	Josh Quinn, Water Records/Dispatch Supervisor
	Luis Almeraz, Shop Supervisor
DISTRICT ENGINEER	GUESTS
Jay Ornelas, PE District Engineer	Robert Kimpel, Guest
Dr. Al Blair, Consultant Engineer (via zoom)	Carlishe Naridomshis, BalCar LLC
	Juan Fernandez, 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 April 8, 2026, April 16, 2026 and April 17, 2026 meetings of the Board of Directors.

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 draft minutes of the regular meeting held on April 8, 2026 is approved.

After a motion by Larry Ceballos, 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, 2026 is approved.

After a motion by Larry Ceballos, 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 17, 2026 is approved.

4. Report and recommendations by Lisa Aguilar, Chief Administrative Officer/Election Officer, concerning office operations, and elections:

- a. Issuance of Certificates of Election and Administration of Oath of Office to Directors Elected to 4-Year Terms for District Divisions 2 and 5**

Lisa Aguilar, Chief Administrative Officer/Election Officer, administered the Oath of Office to Art Ivey and Hector L. Rodriguez.

- b. Election of EPCWID Officers**

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 Jarett Rogers, Board of Director nominated Art Ivey as President, Larry Ceballos as Vice-President, George Brooks as Secretary, and Jarett Rogers as Assist Secretary.

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. **Authorization for signature on all accounts with WestStar bank for Hector L. Rodriguez, Director 2 and removal of previous Director 2 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.** No action was taken on this item.
 - 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.

c. 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: **None.**

8. Consulting Engineer's and 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 Jarett Rogers, duly considered and carried by unanimous vote of the Board the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED: that the District's allocation for irrigable land effective on June 2, 2026, is 1.5-acre feet (18 inches) per acre for the 2026 irrigation season, including without limitation irrigable land owned by a tax-exempt entity and the small tracts will receive 3 irrigations.

After a motion by Larry Ceballos, seconded by George Brooks, 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, 2026, is 6,575 acre-feet for 2026, 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): **None.**
13. Applications for Licenses and Memorandums of Understanding for Use of District Real Property:
 - a. **2 applications for Bain Construction**

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

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 Jarett Rogers seconded by Larry Ceballos, duly considered and carried by unanimous vote of the Board the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED: that the 2 applications for Bain Construction, 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. 2 applications for Innerscity FiberNet LLC d/b/a Gigabit Fiber

Application 3737, by Innerscity FiberNet LLC, d/b/a Gigabit Fiber, for a 25-year license for subsurface fiber optic cable system crossing La Union East Lateral (an irrigation canal), at Artcraft Rd., at approximately station 479+43

Application 3738, by Innerscity FiberNet LLC, d/b/a Gigabit Fiber, for a 25-year license for subsurface fiber optic cable system crossing Borderland Spur Drain (a drainage canal), at Artcraft Rd., at approximately station 95+51

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 2 applications for Innerscity 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.

- c. Application 3699, by Canutillo Independent School District, for a Temporary Construction License for ingress and egress for construction of new school within the Nemexas Drain (a drainage canal), at approximately station 253+88**

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 Application 3699, by Canutillo Independent School District, for a Temporary Construction License for ingress and egress for construction of new school within the Nemexas Drain (a drainage canal), at approximately station 253+88, 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 3743, by Zenitram General Contractors, for a Temporary Construction License for private ingress and egress to concrete line community ditch at 4200 Boy Scout Lane, on right bank of Montoya Drain (a drainage canal), at approximately station 95+51**

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

RESOLVED: that the Application 3743, by Zenitram General Contractors, for a Temporary Construction License for private ingress and egress to concrete line community ditch at 4200 Boy Scout Lane, on right bank of Montoya Drain (a drainage canal), at approximately station 95+51, 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 3751, by JM Lutich LP, for Temporary Irrigation Conveyance License to construct a 10-inch pipe crossing the I-341 Lateral (an irrigation canal) for sole purpose of conveying water for agricultural irrigation, at approximately station 19+00**

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 Application 3751, by JM Lutich LP, for Temporary Irrigation Conveyance License to construct a 10-inch pipe crossing the I-341 Lateral (an irrigation canal) for sole purpose of conveying water for agricultural irrigation, at approximately station 19+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.

- f. Application 3729, by Town of Anthony, Texas, for a License for Use of District Facilities to discharge treated effluent from the town's wastewater treatment plant into the East Drain (a drainage canal), approximately station 81+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 3729, by Town of Anthony, Texas, for a License for Use of District Facilities to discharge treated effluent from the town's wastewater treatment plant into the East Drain (a drainage canal), approximately station 81+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: **None.**

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

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

a. 3 applications by AT&T

Application 3741, by AT&T, to install aerial fiber optic cable system crossing the Ysla Lateral (an irrigation canal), at Carr Rd., at approximately station 256+44

Application 3748, by AT&T, to install aerial fiber optic cable system crossing the Island Main Lateral (an irrigation canal), at Hole in the Wall Rd., at approximately station 11+91

Application 3749, by AT&T, to install aerial fiber optic cable system crossing the Island Drain (a drainage canal), at Lee Moor Rd., at approximately station 409+67

After a motion by Jarett Rogers, seconded by Hector L. Rodriguez, duly considered and carried by unanimous vote of the Board the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED: that the 3 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: **None.**
20. Any or all of the items shown on the attached Closed Meeting Agenda.

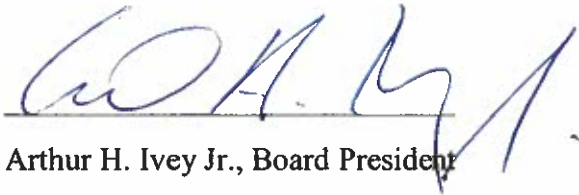
The Board then entered into a closed session at 10:37 a.m. regarding the items to be considered in closed session as shown on the Notice of Public Meeting. The Board subsequently returned to the open session at 10:55 a.m. with no action having been taken in the closed session.

21. Consideration of agenda items for next regular board meeting.
22. **Adjournment.** On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board Meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.



George Brooks, Secretary

Resolution for Item 5D Authorization for signature on all accounts with WestStar bank for Hector L. Rodriguez, Board Director 2 and removal of previous Director 2 authorization

Resolved that the Board Directors authorize the addition of Hector L. Rodriguez, Board Director, to all accounts with WestStar bank and removal of previous board director.


Arthur H. Ivey Jr., Board President

Attest:


George Brooks, Board Secretary