

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1
(EPCWID)
September 9, 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 (via zoom)	Sharon Atilano, Licensing Manager
	Rose Rodriguez, Tax Collector
	Sonia Ontiveros, Tax Collector Assistant
LEGAL COUNSEL	Claudia Ruiz, Administrative Assistant
Renea Hicks, Attorney At Law (via zoom)	Jackie Garcia, Administrative Assistant
	Josh Quinn, Water Records/Dispatch Supervisor
	Rene Carmona, Safety Officer
DISTRICT ENGINEER	
Jay Ornelas, PE District Engineer	
Al Blair, Consultant (via zoom)	GUESTS
	Robert Kimpel, Guest
	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 August 12, 2026 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 regular meeting held on August 12, 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. Engagement Letter for FY2025-2026 audit by Pena Briones McDaniel & Co PC**

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 Engagement Letter for FY2025-2026 audit by Pena Briones McDaniel & Co PC is approved.

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:

- a. **Site visit Sediment Basin in San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District in Coolidge, Arizona.** No action was taken on this item.

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.
- e. **Contract with Union Pacific Railroad for Reimbursement of Construction Material for District work on Clint Extension Heading and Wasteway**

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 Contract with Union Pacific Railroad for Reimbursement of Construction Material for District work on Clint Extension Heading and Wasteway is approved.

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.

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

a. Application 3757, by Proyecto II LLC, for Golden Valley Estates, being tracts 10A, 10B, 10C, 11A, 11A1, and 11A2, Block 08, Upper Valley Surveys, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, containing 20.22 acres

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 Application 3757, by Proyecto II LLC, for Golden Valley Estates, being tracts 10A, 10B, 10C, 11A, 11A1, and 11A2, Block 08, Upper Valley Surveys, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, containing 20.22 acres for a submission of an irrigable land exhibit is approved.

b. Application 3793, by Enrique Escobar, for Vista Bonita Estates Unit Two, being a portion of tract 04 & 05, Block 24, San Elizario Grant, El Paso County, Texas, containing 104.48 acres

Director Jarett Rogers announced that he would abstain from discussion of this item and any vote taken regarding the item,

and he proceeded to sign an affidavit pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, §171.004.

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 3793, by Enrique Escobar, for Vista Bonita Estates Unit Two, being a portion of tract 04 & 05, Block 24, San Elizario Grant, El Paso County, Texas, containing 104.48 acres for a submission of an irrigable land exhibit is approved.

- c. Application 3798, by Enrique Escobar, for Isabella Valley Subdivision, being all of tract 13, Block 27, Socorro Grant, City of Socorro, El Paso County, Texas, containing 12.03 acres**

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 Application 3798, by Enrique Escobar, for Isabella Valley Subdivision, being all of tract 13, Block 27, Socorro Grant, City of Socorro, El Paso County, Texas, containing 12.03 acres for a submission of an irrigable land exhibit is approved.

- d. Application 3856, by DAA Farms, for Rancho Verde Farms Subdivision, being all of lot 04, Block 01, DAA Farms Unit 2 Subdivision and all of tracts 4-C-7-B, Block 39, San Elizario Grant, County of El Paso, Texas, containing 40.97 acres**

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 Application 3856, by DAA Farms, for Rancho Verde Farms Subdivision, being all of lot 04, Block 01, DAA Farms Unit 2 Subdivision and all of tracts 4-C-7-B, Block 39, San

Elizario Grant, County of El Paso, Texas, containing 40.97 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 extending a Temporary Construction License for ingress and egress use of left bank of the Mesa Spur Drain (a drainage canal), at approximately station 183+77 to 101+77**

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 3526, by Bain Construction, Inc., for extending a Temporary Construction License for ingress and egress use of left bank of the Mesa Spur Drain (a drainage canal), at approximately station 183+77 to 101+77, 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 3755, by El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board, for and on behalf of the City of El Paso for a 25-year license to install a 12-inch sanitary sewer main pvc pipe inside a 24-inch steel casing, crossing the Canutillo Lateral (an irrigation canal), at Branding Iron Dr., at approximately station 63+52**

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 3755, by El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board, for and on behalf of the City of El Paso for a 25-year license to install a 12-inch sanitary sewer main pvc pipe inside a 24-inch steel casing, crossing the Canutillo Lateral (an irrigation canal), at Branding Iron Dr., at approximately station 63+52, 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 3790, by El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board, for and on behalf of the City of El Paso for a 25-year license to construct an 8-inch sanitary sewer main sdr-35 pvc pipe inside a 16-inch steel casing, crossing the Southside Feeder Lateral (an irrigation canal) at Southside Road, approximately station 52+91

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 3790, by El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board, for and on behalf of the City of El Paso for a 25-year license to construct an 8-inch sanitary sewer main sdr-35 pvc pipe inside a 16-inch steel casing, crossing the Southside Feeder Lateral (an irrigation canal) at Southside Road, approximately station 52+91, 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 3866, by WSP USA Inc., for a Temporary Construction License for Geotechnical Engineering Studies on various District facilities

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 3866, by WSP USA Inc., for a Temporary Construction License for Geotechnical Engineering Studies on various District facilities, 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 3870, by PCL Construction, Inc., for a Temporary Construction License for ingress and egress within the Riverside Canal (an irrigation canal), to use the left bank and area adjacent to bank from Pan American Road to 1st bridge crossing, at approximately station 35+70 to 57+00

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 3870, by PCL Construction, Inc., for a Temporary Construction License for ingress and egress within the Riverside Canal (an irrigation canal), to use the left bank and area adjacent to bank from Pan American Road to 1st bridge crossing, at approximately station 35+70 to 57+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: **None.**
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 10:17 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 10:34 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 10:37 a.m.


George Brooks, Secretary

**Affidavit of Abstention by Member of the Board of Directors of
El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1**

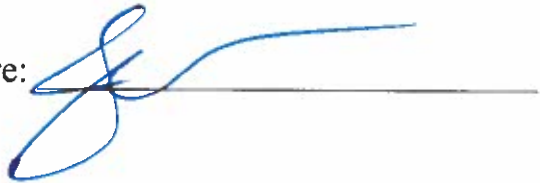
I, **Jarett Rogers**, am a member of the Board of Directors of El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1. At a meeting of such Board of Directors on the 9th day of **September, 2026**, the following matter came before the Board for consideration:

12b. Application 3793, by Enrique Escobar, for Vista Bonita Estates Unit Two, being a portion of tract 04 & 05, Block 24, San Elizario Grant, El Paso County, Texas, containing 104.48 acres

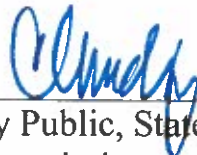
Since the matter involved a business entity or real property in which I have a substantial interest, as defined in Chapter 171 of the Texas Local Government Code, I abstained from participation in the matter. The nature and extent of the interest is the following:

I own and operate a business which performs general construction work. I conduct business with business entities that may have some interest in the construction performed pursuant to the foregoing license.

Signature: _____



Subscribed and sworn to this 9th day of September, 2026, by Jarett Rogers.



Notary Public, State of Texas
My commission expires:

