Minutes of Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1
(EPCWID)
October 14, 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	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	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 September 9, 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 September 9, 2026 is approved.

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

    a. **Recognition of Employee Appreciation Day.** 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.

    d. Quarterly Investment Report

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 Quarterly Investment Report for period ending September 30, 2026 is approved.

e. Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

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 Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 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- The tax report was reviewed, and the following are the tax adjustments for the month of September 2026:**

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:

WHEREAS: Rose Rodriguez, Tax Collector for EPCWID1 recommends adjustments or corrections to the tax rolls reviewed during the month September 2026;

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

1. Chavez Demetrio Jr, (-$.14), 2025

2. OAJ Properties to City of El Paso, (-$3.06), 2024 and 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.

c. **Comparison of EPCWID tax assessments and collection during 2024 and 2025.** No action was taken on this item.

d. **Setting of assessments against irrigable land in EPCWID and setting of assessments against persons who use water, in accordance with Texas Water Code**

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 tax assessment against all irrigable land for the year from January 1 through December 31, 2026 is set at $30.00 per acre of irrigable land; that the water assessment for both allocated and non-allocated water is set at $12.00 per acre-foot of water; and that the accounting service charge for irrigable land account shall be $20.00 per owner. These assessments are due upon receipt of EPCWID notices and become delinquent on February 1, 2027.

e. Setting contract rate in 2026 for water supplied to tax exempt entities

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 contract rate for the 2026 calendar year for the water furnished to irrigable, tax-exempt land except the Public Service Board and the Lower Valley Water District is set at $54.00 per acre foot.

7. General Manager's report concerning the following:

a. Update on site visit to Sediment Basin in San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District in Coolidge, Arizona and TWDB Grant for Design and Construction of Settling Basin for Riverside Canal. 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.

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 3718, by JCGAR Ventures LLC, for Upper Valley Ranch Unit Two Subdivision, being lot 01, Block 01, Morce Farms, El Paso County, Texas, containing 25.69 acres**

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 Application 3718, by JCGAR Ventures LLC, for Upper Valley Ranch Unit Two Subdivision, being lot 01, Block 01, Morce Farms, El Paso County, Texas, containing 25.69 acres for a submission of an irrigable land exhibit is approved.

b. **Application Application 3777, by Contreras Enterprise Inc., for Contreras Enterprises, Inc., Subdivision, being a replat of a**

portion of tract 25, Pendale Acres No. 3, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, containing .55 acres

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 Application 3777, by Contreras Enterprise Inc., for Contreras Enterprises, Inc., Subdivision, being a replat of a portion of tract 25, Pendale Acres No. 3, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, containing .55 acres for a submission of an irrigable land exhibit is approved.

c. **Application 3857, by Strahan Development LLC, for Strahan Subdivision, being all of tract 01-B-03 and 02-E, Block 11, Upper Valley Surveys, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, containing 4.08 acres**

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 Application 3857, by Strahan Development LLC, for Strahan Subdivision, being all of tract 01-B-03 and 02-E, Block 11, Upper Valley Surveys, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, containing 4.08 acres for a submission of an irrigable land exhibit is approved.

d. **Application 3858, by Randy Ruben Perez & Magallanes Living Trust (Christina Magallanes Trustee), for Perez Subdivision, being all of tract 17-B-02, and a portion of tract 17-C-01-D, Block 13, Socorro Grant, City of Socorro, El Paso County, Texas, containing 2.94 acres**

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 Application 3858, by Randy Ruben Perez & Magallanes Living Trust (Christina Magallanes Trustee), for

Perez Subdivision, being all of tract 17-B-02, and a portion of tract 17-C-01-D, Block 13, Socorro Grant, City of Socorro, El Paso County, Texas, containing 2.94 acres for a submission of an irrigable land exhibit is approved.

e. **Application 3867, by Enrique Escobar, for Horizon Park Unit Two Subdivision, being all of tracts 02, 03B, 03B5, 04E1A, Block 03, Socorro Grant, City of Socorro, El Paso County, Texas, containing 30.31 acres**

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 Application 3867, by Enrique Escobar, for Horizon Park Unit Two Subdivision, being all of tracts 02, 03B, 03B5, 04E1A, Block 03, Socorro Grant, City of Socorro, El Paso County, Texas, containing 30.31 acres for a submission of an irrigable land exhibit is approved.

f. **Application 3869, by Christopher and Genesis Prieto, for Athena West Replat H Subdivision, being a portion of lot 11, Block 10, Athena West Subdivision, El Paso County, Texas, 1.99 acres**

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 Application 3869, by Christopher and Genesis Prieto, for Athena West Replat H Subdivision, being a portion of lot 11, Block 10, Athena West Subdivision, El Paso County, Texas, 1.99 acres for a submission of an irrigable land exhibit is approved.

g. **Application 3872, by Cardances Properties, LLC, for Mulberry Estates Subdivision, being lot 01, Block 01, Southern**

Estate, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, containing 1.99 acres

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 Application 3872, by Cardances Properties, LLC, for Mulberry Estates Subdivision, being lot 01, Block 01, Southern Estate, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, containing 1.99 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. 3 applications by El Paso Electric Company

Application 3791, by El Paso Electric Company, for a 50-year license to upgrade existing overhead transmission line and pole, crossing Middle Drain (a drainage canal), at Bauman Rd., at approximately station 478+41

Application 3792, by El Paso Electric Company, for a 50-year license to upgrade existing overhead transmission line and pole, crossing Daugherty Lateral (an irrigation canal), at Bauman Rd., at approximately station 90+49

Application 3797, by El Paso Electric Company, for a Temporary Ingress and Egress Construction License on the right bank of the Franklin Canal (an irrigation canal) at Raynor Street, at approximately station 217+10 to 221+15

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 3 applications by El Paso Electric Company, 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. 9 applications by Innercity FiberNet LLC, d/b/a Gigabit Fiber

Application 3859, by Innercity FiberNet LLC, d/b/a Gigabit Fiber, for a 25-year license for subsurface fiber optic cable system crossing Montoya Lateral Branch "B" (an irrigation canal), at Country Club Rd., at approximately station 20+26

Application 3860, by Innercity FiberNet LLC, d/b/a Gigabit Fiber, for a 25-year license for subsurface fiber optic cable system crossing Montoya Main Lateral (an irrigation canal), at Country Club Rd., at approximately station 184+90

Application 3861, by Innercity FiberNet LLC, d/b/a Gigabit Fiber, for a 25-year license for subsurface fiber optic cable system crossing Montoya Drain (a drainage canal), at Country Club Rd., at approximately station 222+59

Application 3862, by Innercity FiberNet LLC, d/b/a Gigabit Fiber, for a 25-year license for subsurface fiber optic cable system crossing Montoya Lateral Branch "A" (an irrigation canal), at Country Club Rd., at approximately station 45+00

Application 3864, by Innercity FiberNet LLC, d/b/a Gigabit Fiber, for a 25-year license for subsurface fiber optic cable system crossing Montoya Lateral Branch "D" (an irrigation canal), at Country Club Rd., at approximately station 44+49

Application 3865, by Innercity FiberNet LLC, d/b/a Gigabit Fiber, for a 25-year license for subsurface fiber optic cable system crossing Schutz Lateral (an irrigation canal), at Country Club Rd., at approximately station 83+79

Application 3883, by Innercity FiberNet LLC, d/b/a Gigabit Fiber, for a 25-year license for subsurface fiber optic cable

system crossing Pence Lateral (an irrigation canal), at Artcraft Rd., at approximately station 15+20

Application 3884, by Innercity FiberNet LLC, d/b/a Gigabit Fiber, for a 25-year license for subsurface fiber optic cable system crossing Canutillo Lateral (an irrigation canal) at Canutillo La Union Ave., at approximately station 89+80

Application 3885, by Innercity FiberNet LLC, d/b/a Gigabit Fiber, for a 25-year license for subsurface fiber optic cable system crossing Montoya Main Lateral (an irrigation canal) at Artcraft Rd., at approximately station 20+16

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 9 applications by 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.

c. **Application 3881, by Frank Gonzalez, for a 50-year license to construct a ¾ inch PVC private potable water line inside a 2-inch HDPE casing crossing the Juan De Herrera Branch A Lateral (an irrigation lateral) at 8639 Holmsley Trail, at approximately station 133+16**

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 3881, by Frank Gonzalez, for a 50-year license to construct a ¾ inch PVC private potable water line inside a 2-inch HDPE casing crossing the Juan De Herrera Branch A Lateral (an irrigation lateral) at 8639 Holmsley Trail, at approximately station 133+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.

d. Application 3897, by Rodarte & Co. Division Nine, for a Temporary Construction License for ingress and egress within the Montoya Main Lateral Branch "A" (an irrigation canal), to use the right bank, at 700 Camino Real, at approximately station 58+48 to 61+48

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 3897, by Rodarte & Co. Division Nine, for a Temporary Construction License for ingress and egress within the Montoya Main Lateral Branch "A" (an irrigation canal), to use the right bank, at 700 Camino Real, at approximately station 58+48 to 61+48, 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. Application 3795, by Texas Gas Service, a division of ONE Gas, for installation of 4-inch PPE pipe main natural gas line inside an 8-inch steel casing, crossing the Ysla Lateral (an irrigation canal), at North Loop Rd., at approximately station 210+94

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 3795, by Texas Gas Service, a division of ONE Gas, for installation of 4-inch PPE pipe main natural gas line inside an 8-inch steel casing, crossing the Ysla Lateral (an irrigation canal), at North Loop Rd., at approximately station 210+94, 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.

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:

(a) Resolution to cancel USBR Grant R22AP00507 and USBR Grant R23AP00385 to concrete line portion of Riverside Canal

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 board approves the cancellation of USBR Grant R22AP00507 and USBR Grant R23AP00385 and the submission of a withdrawal letter to the Bureau of Reclamation of each grant.

(b) Status of TWDB Grant 22-1358-2644 for Riverside Settling Basin and TWDB Grant 20-1358-2447 concrete line a portion of Island Main (former Franklin Canal at Zoo Project). No action was taken on this time.

20. Any or all of the items shown on the attached Closed Meeting Agenda. **No action was taken on this item.**

21. Consideration of agenda items for next regular board meeting.

22. **Adjournment**. On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

George Brooks, Secretary

September 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	9/11/2026	00153825	Chavez Demetrio Jr	43315130	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	-$0.14	-$0.14	On September 1, 2026, inadvertently the amount due provided to Title Company was that of August 2026. **Need to adjust Penalty & Interest for tax year 2025.**
2	9/16/2026	01023878 to 00130600	OAJ Properties to City of El Paso	57236877	-$2.44	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	-$0.62	-$3.06	Parcel is classified as Right-of-Way therefore is tax-exempt. **Need to remove Tax Assessments & Penalty & Interest Charges for tax years 2024 & 2025.**
				Total Adjustments	**-$2.44**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**-$0.76**	**-$3.20**	