ENMWUA

# ENMWUA Regular Board Meeting

DATE: Thursday, May 28, 2026

LOCATION: ENMWUA Headquarters, 5140 N. Prince St, Clovis, NM 88101

## 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

## 2. Roll Call

The meeting commenced with roll call. The following were in attendance:

**Board Members**

**In-person**: Chairman Morris, Vice-Chairman Lucero, Secretary Bryant, and Member Merrick.

**Virtual:**

**Absent**: Member Garza, Member Carter

**Staff and ENMWUA Vendors (In-person):**

ENMWUA Staff: Executive Director Mark Howl, Deputy Director Jacquelynn Bowens, Finance Clerk Celeste Southerland, Grant Manager Victoria Gonzales, ENMWUA Attorney: Kameron Barnett, Jacobs Engineering: Jim Honea, Aaron Smith, Kent Bienlien, and Bryor Price, Thompson Consulting: Joe Thompson.

**Public Attendees (In-person or Virtual):** Fourteen (14) members of the public representing local landowners in Clovis, Portales, and Texico were present and two (2) members of the media Eastern New Mexico News: Robin Fornoff, and ABC 7 News: Drew Powell.

## 3. Invocation

Chairman Morris delivered an invocation prior to the commencement of the Board meeting.

## 4. Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the New Mexico Flag

Chairman Morris led the Board members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Salute to the New Mexico Flag.

## 5. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was unanimously approved.

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| **Result:** | **Approved by Vote (4-0)** |
| **Ayes: 4** | |
| **Nays: 0** | |

## 6. Approval of Minutes

a) The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 3:00 pm at the Portales Memorial Building, 200 E. $7^{th}$ Street, Portales, NM, 88130

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| **Result:** | Approved by Vote (4-0) |
| **Ayes: 4** | |
| **Nays: 0** | |

## 7. Public Input

No public input was received.

## 8. Monthly Financials

a) Approval of Monthly Financials for the Month Ending April 2026

Ms. Southerland reported on financial activities for the month ending April 30, 2026. Total revenues were in the amount of $9,895,522.31. Expenditures as of April 30, 2026, reported at $8,689,552.05.

A motion was made for approval of the monthly financials, and a roll call vote took place.

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| **Result:** | Approved by Vote (4-0) |
| **Motion: Bryant** | |
| **Second: Merrick** | |
| **Ayes: 4** | |
| **Nays: 0** | |

b) Approval of Monthly Bank Transfer Request from ENMWUA LGIP Account STO# 8043 to Business Checking Account #7101

Chairman Morris informed the Board members at this time that the Executive Director is requesting a transfer of funds for the Authority in the amount of $440,000.00.

A motion was made for approval, and a roll call vote took place.

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| **Result:** | Approved by Vote (4-0) |
| **Motion: Lucero** | |
| **Second: Merrick** | |
| **Ayes: 4** | |
| **Nays: 0** | |

## 9. New Business Items

a) Request for Approval of Budget Adjustment Resolution 2026-02 for ENMWUA FY2026 Budget – Bowens

Ms. Bowens presented Budget Adjustment Resolution 2026-02 for the ENMWUA FY2026 Budget. The proposed adjustment reflects the addition of $95.7 million in funding, consisting of $77.0 million from Reclamation Grant R22AC00674, Amendment 6, and $18.7 million from Water Project Fund (WPF-6565), structured as a 90% grant and 10% loan. Ms. Bowens explained that these additional funds will be applied toward five construction projects.

A motion was made for approval, and a roll call vote took place.

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| **Result:** | Approved by Vote (4-0) |
| **Motion: Merrick** | |
| **Second: Bryant** | |
| **Ayes: 4** | |
| **Nays: 0** | |

b) Resolution 2026-03 Adoption of the FY 2028 – 2032 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) – Bowens, Gonzales

Ms. Gonzales presented the FY 2028–2032 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP), providing a detailed overview of the projects and priorities identified for the five-year period.

A motion was made for approval, and a roll call vote took place.

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| **Result:** | Approved by Vote (4-0) |
| **Motion: Lucero** | |
| **Second: Merrick** | |
| **Ayes: 4** | |
| **Nays: 0** | |

c) Request for Approval of Annual Service Agreement with Hinkle & Landers Certified Public Accountants - Bowens

Ms. Bowens presented the annual professional services agreement with Hinkle & Landers Certified Public Accountants, noting that the contract amount is under $60,000 and is in compliance with applicable state statute and internal policy. She further stated that no changes were requested to the existing contract terms.

A motion was made for approval, and a roll call vote took place.

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| **Result:** | Approved by Vote (4-0) |
| **Ayes: 4** | |
| **Nays: 0** | |

d) Request for Approval of the Raw Water 1A RFP 25-1107-01 Evaluation Committee. – Bowens

Ms. Bowens presented the proposed evaluation committee for Raw Water 1A RFP 25-1107-01, noting that due to the complexity and technical nature of the Raw Water 1B/RW2 project, a four-member selection committee is recommended. The proposed members include Robert Martin and Jeff Smith of Jacobs Engineering, each with extensive relevant experience, as well as Mark Howl, Executive Director of the Eastern New Mexico Water Authority, and Justin Howalt, City Manager for the City of Clovis.

A motion was made for approval, and a roll call vote took place.

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| **Result:** | Approved by Vote (4-0) |
| **Ayes: 4** | |
| **Nays: 0** | |

<u>e) Presentation and Request for Approval of the ENMWUA FY 2027 Interim Budget – Howl, Bowens</u>

Mr. Howl presented the ENMWUA FY 2027 Interim Budget, reporting total projected revenues of $378,424,468.38 and total expenses of $377,771,717.15. In reviewing the expense categories, he provided a breakdown of administrative costs, professional services, operations and maintenance costs, debt service costs, and capital outlay costs. He noted that the budget includes total capital outlay, including construction, design, and easement costs, in the amount of $374,425,844.15.

A motion was made for approval, and a roll call vote took place.

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| **Result:** | Approved by Vote (4-0) |
| **Motion: Lucero** | |
| **Second: Merrick** | |
| **Ayes: 4** | |
| **Nays: 0** | |

<u>f) Request for Approval of a Crossing Agreement between Caprock Wind LLC, and the ENMWUA for the Raw Water 2 Pipeline Phase. – Howl, Barnett</u>

Mr. Howl, with assistance from Mr. Barnett, presented the crossing agreement between Caprock Wind LLC and the Eastern New Mexico Water Utility Authority for the Raw Water 2 Pipeline Phase. He provided an overview of the agreement and its purpose related to coordination of pipeline construction within Caprock Winds LLC project area.

A motion was made for approval, and a roll call vote took place.

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| **Result:** | Approved by Vote (4-0) |
| **Motion: Bryant** | |
| **Second: Lucero** | |
| **Ayes: 4** | |
| **Nays: 0** | |

<u>g) Request for Approval of Two Easement Agreements between Linda Ellis, and Janet Callison, and the ENMWUA for the Raw Water 2 Pipeline Phase. -Howl</u>

<u>Parcel No. 1 200 051 264 198</u>

<u>Parcel No. 1 200 050 132 396 00</u>

Mr. Howl presented two easement agreements between Linda Ellis and Janet Callison and the Eastern New Mexico Water Utility Authority for the Raw Water 2 Pipeline Phase, identified as Parcel No. 1 200 051 264 198 and Parcel No. 1 200 050 132 396 00. He noted that the landowners have reviewed, approved, and agreed to the terms of the easement agreements.
A motion was made for approval, and a roll call vote took place.

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| **Result:** | Approved by Vote (4-0) |
| **Ayes: 4** | |
| **Nays: 0** | |

## 10. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

## 11. Reports from Board Members and Staff

a) State Activities – Thompson

Mr. Thompson reported on State Activities.

b) Federal Activities – Ryan

Mr. Ryan was absent.

c) Project Development Activities – Jacobs Engineering, Jim Honea, Sam Montoya

- FW1 – Mr. Bienlien (Jacobs Engineering) advised that Oscar Renda Construction reached substantial completion and final completion is scheduled for July 2026.
- RW3 – Mr. Bienlien (Jacobs Engineering) reported that topsoil removal is 74% complete, temporary fencing 82% complete, and pipe installation 40% complete. The project is progressing on schedule, with final completion expected by August 1, 2027.
- Texico Lateral – Mr. Bienlien (Jacobs Engineering) reported that right of way preparation is 62% complete, pipe installation is 35% complete, and HDPE pepe fusion is 98% complete. The project is progressing and substantial completion has been moved back to January 4th, 2027.
- RW1A - Mr. Honea reported that bids were received on May 20, 2026.
- RW1B/RW2 – Mr. Honea reported that request for approval of RFP from the Board is set for June 2026, proposals will be advertisemented in July 2026 and proposals will be due in October of 2026.
- Intake/Caprock Pump Station – Mr. Honea reported that there are no new updates. The bid-ready documents have been stamped and are prepared for release.
- Elida Pump Station – Mr. Honea reported Elida pump station 90% design has been completed.
- Water Treatment Plant – Mr. Honea reported that the Pilot Plant is operating and gathering data. The deep well injection permit is under State review. The administration and maintenance buildings 100% design has been completed and is under permitting review.
- Spotlight: – Pilot Water Treatment Plant – Bryor Price from Jacobs Engineering provided a spotlight on the prelimary data results from the Pilot Water Treatment Plant.

d) Ute Reservoir USGS Report – Bowens

Currently the Ute Reservoir Storage in ac/ft as of April 28, 2026, the Reservoir was at 187,800 ac/ft and as of today, May 28, 2026, was reported at 186,200 ac/ft for a loss of 1,600 ac/ft. The Ute Reservoir Water Surface Elevation in ac/ft, as of April 28, 2026, was reported at 3,785.95 ft and as of today, May 28, 2026, was reported at 3,785.71 ft for a loss of 0.24 ft/2.88 in.

e) Report from the Chair – Morris

The Chair highlighted strong regional collaboration through the Secretary of the Air Force RAPIDS initiative, bringing together Clovis, Portales, and water partners to address long-term water challenges. The community's future growth depends on achieving water security, which requires slowing groundwater depletion through conservation efforts, agricultural partnerships, and Clovis's leading water reuse program. However, conservation and reuse alone are not enough, adding a reliable surface water supply is essential to create a sustainable, diversified water portfolio. The project has reached a major milestone with full funding secured for large-diameter pipeline components, positioning the region to continue construction on critical infrastructure and ensuring long-term water stability and economic viability.

f) Report from the Executive Director – Howl

Mr. Howl stated continued progress on the finished water system, with substantial completion reached and final closeout steps underway. Recent funding awards were officially confirmed this month, allowing budget updates and supporting ongoing project momentum, with strong media coverage helping increase public awareness. A successful water treatment pilot plant open house brought together key partners, including engineers, federal and state representatives, local leaders, and academic participants, showcasing project progress and collaboration. The RAPIDS initiative continues to strengthen regional coordination by bringing stakeholders together to address long-term water challenges. As the project advances, focus is shifting from pipeline construction to pump stations and treatment facilities.

## 12. Oath of Office for ENMWUA Member

a) One Member for the Town of Elida

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## 12. Future Agenda Items

a) Next Regular Meeting, Date, Time, and Location: Thursday June 25, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at ENMWUA Headquarters at 5140 N. Prince Street in Clovis, NM 88101

## 13. For the Good of the Order

## 14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned officially at 3:37 pm

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Mike Morris
Chairman

Chris Bryant
Secretary