

ENMWUA Regular Board Meeting

DATE: Thursday, July 23, 2026

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

1 **1. Call to Order**

2 The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

3 **2. Roll Call**

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

5 **Board Members**

6 **In-person:** Chairman Morris, Member Merrick, Vice Chair Lucero, Secretary Bryant, Member Dixon,
7 Member Garza

8 **Virtual:**

9 **Absent:**

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

11 *ENMWUA Staff:* Deputy Director Jacquelynn Bowens, Finance Clerk Celeste Southerland, Grant Manager
12 Victoria Gonzales

13 *ENMWUA Vendors:* Thompson Consulting: Joe Thompson, Jacobs Engineering: Jim Honea, Aaron Smith,
14 Kent Bienlien, ENMWUA Attorney: Kameron Barnett and Harper Brothers Construction: Jack Zebrowski
15 and Sowjanya Tammineni

16 **Public Attendees (In-person or Virtual):** Patti Watson, Eastern New Mexico News: Robin Fornoff,
17 and 10 members of the public

18 **3. Invocation**

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

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

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

23 **5. Approval of Agenda**

24 A motion to approve the agenda was unanimously approved.

Result: Approved by Vote (6-0)

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

6. Approval of Minutes

a) The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 2:00 pm at the ENMWUA Headquarters, 5140 N. Prince St., Clovis, NM, 88101.

Result: Approved by Vote (6-0)

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

7. Public Input

No public input was received.

8. Monthly Financials

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

Ms. Southerland reported on financial activities for the month ending June 30, 2026. Total revenues were in the amount of \$2,201.11.55. Expenditures as of June 30, 2026, reported at \$6,126,579.54.

A motion was made for approval of the monthly financials and was unanimously approved.

Result: Approved by Vote (6-0)

Motion:
Secretary Bryant

Second:
Member Merrick

Ayes: 6

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 staff is requesting a transfer of funds for the Authority in the amount of \$538,000.00.

A motion was made for approval and was unanimously approved.

Result: Approved by Vote (6-0)

Motion:
Vice Chair Lucero

Second:
Member Garza

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

9. New Business Items

a) Presentation of ENMWUA's Redesigned Website – Patti Watson, CWA Strategic Communications

Ms. Watson presented the preliminary design for ENMWUA's updated website design. She demonstrated features such as the approved tagline, photo slideshow, drone footage, project information with an interactive map feature, ENMWUA's story presented in a timeline format, board members and staff page, FAQ, Press Releases, Resources, Legal notices and procurements, board meeting minutes and agendas, and a contact us page. She stated that there will be a statistics package installed on the website.

b) Resolution 2026-07 Adoption of June 30, 2026, 4th Quarter Year to Date Financial Report. - Bowens

Ms. Bowens presented a routine annual item prepared by Hinkle and Landers and reviewed by ENMWUA staff to ensure compliance with state reporting requirements.

A motion was made for approval and was unanimously approved.

Result: Approved by Vote (6-0)

Motion:
Member Merrick

Second:
Secretary Bryant

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

c) Resolution 2026-08 Adoption of the FY2027 Final Budget. - Bowens

Ms. Bowens presented updates between the interim budget period and the final budget period. She highlighted that the total revenue for 2027 will be \$375,146,003.52 and total expenditures will be \$374,498,252.29.

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

Result: Approved by Vote (6-0)

Motion:
Secretary Bryant

Second:
Member Garza

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

d) Request for Approval of ENMRWS Raw Water One a Pipeline Recommendation of Award. -Jacobs, Bowens

58 Mr. Smith presented how the four bids for Raw Water 1A performed on a technical and price proposal
59 scoring. The engineer's recommendation of award based on combined scoring is Oscar Renda Contracting,
60 Inc.
61 A motion was made for approval, and a roll call vote took place.

Result: Approved by Vote (6-0)

Motion:
Vice Chair Lucero

Second:
Member Merrick

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

62 e) Request for Approval of an Easement Agreement between Larry Moore, Quinn Moore and B. Denise
63 Border to the ENMWUA for the Construction of the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System Raw Water
64 2 Pipeline. – Bowens
65 Parcel No. 1 200 052 264 264 00
66 Parcel No. 1 200 051 132 396 00
67 Ms. Bowens presented that the property owners Larry More, Quinn More, and B. Denise Border reviewed,
68 approved, and agreed to the terms of the easement agreement.
69 A motion was made for approval, and a roll call vote took place.

Result: Approved by Vote (6-0)

Motion:
Member Garza

Second:
Secretary Bryant

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

70 **10. Unfinished Business**

71 There was no unfinished business.

72 **11. Reports from Board Members and Staff**

73 a) State Activities – Thompson

74 Mr. Thompson reported on State Activities such as the price of oil having gone up to \$95 a barrel leading
75 to infrastructure discussions, House Bill 247 on capital outlay reform and the ICIP process, and his steps
76 to make sure we're transitioning properly when the next state administration transitions in.

77 b) Federal Activities – Ryan

78 Mr. Ryan was absent, so no federal activities report was given.

79 c) Project Development Activities – Jacobs Engineering

- 80 • RW3/Texico Lateral – Harper Brothers Construction: Jim Honea and Sam Montoya (HBC) – Mr.
81 Honea discussed RW3 and reported that topsoil removal is 76-85% complete, temporary fencing is
82 82-87% complete, the southern end extension fencing is complete, and the pipe install is 45%
83 complete. The project is progressing on schedule, with final completion expected by August 1, 2027.
84 Ms. Montoya discussed Texico and reported that the right of way preparation is 97% complete,
85 pipe-installation is 91% complete, and fire application operations is 99% complete. January 4th,
86 2027, is still the substantial completion date.
- 87 • RW1A: Mr. Smith reported that with the approval of the award he will be working with ORC to get
88 contracts set up next month.
- 89 • RW1B/RW2: Mr. Smith reported that bids have been advertised and are due in October of 2026.
- 90 • RW3: Mr. Smith reported that RW3 is 63% complete.
- 91 • Finished Water 1: Mr. Smith reported that they reached substantial completion and are working
92 toward final completion.
- 93 • Elida lateral: Mr. Smith reported that they are progressing 90% design and anticipate completion
94 August 2026.
- 95 • Texico Lateral: Mr. Smith reported that construction is 66% complete.
- 96 • Intake/Caprock Pump Station, Caprock Tank, and Elida Pump Stations: Mr. Smith reported that there
97 were no updates.
- 98 • Water Treatment Plant: Mr. Smith reported that the pilot plant is operating and gathering data
99 through the end of July.
- 100 • Spotlight: Mr. Smith introduced Dean from Phoenix, who provided an overview of cathodic
101 protection. Dean explained that steel pipelines naturally corrode over time, creating safety risks,
102 water loss, costly repairs, and reduced asset life. He noted that coatings are the primary corrosion
103 defense, while cathodic protection provides backup protection by directing corrosion away from the
104 pipeline. The presentation reviewed galvanic and impressed current systems used on the utility's
105 assets and emphasized annual surveys and monitoring to verify performance and guide
106 maintenance.

107 d) Ute Reservoir USGS Report – Bowens

108 Ms. Bowens reports that as of July 23rd, 2026, the Ute Reservoir sits at 3,785.12 ft, which was a loss of 0.7
109 ft from last month, June 23rd, 2026. She reports that the reservoir storage is at 182,100 ac/ft, which is a
110 loss of 4,800 ac/ft from last month.

111 e) Report from the Chair – Morris

112 Mr. Morris reports that he was talking to Mayor Howl about the Water Authority and how he wishes to
113 provide Mr. Howl and his opponent with the same briefing on the project. Mr. Morris also points out his
114 meeting with the new Cannon Air Force Base Wing Commander, Colonel Brett Cassidy, to discuss the
115 project and strengthen coordination with base leadership. Additionally, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
116 Regional Direction Wayne Pullan visited the project site and reservoir for a project update and tour,
117 reinforcing the agency's support and partnership. Mr. Morris and Ms. Bowens attended the Clovis Rotary
118 Club to provide an update to that group as well.

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120 f) Report from the Executive Director

Ms. Bowens reported continued progress on the project, including the timely submission of required Water Trust Board readiness items and reports at the end of June. She noted that Raw Water 1B and Raw Water 2 were advertised for bid on July 1 and that contractor interest has increased. Updates also included attendance at the Chamber Breakfast, recognition of Ms. Gonzales' one-year anniversary with the Water Authority, and the successful visit by U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Regional Director Wayne Pullan, which highlighted strong federal support for the project. Ms. Bowens provided a project update to the Rotary Club on July 16th and processed multiple project-related invoices during the month.

12. Executive Session †, ‡

Motion: to move into executive session to discuss personnel matters and attorney client's privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the public body is or may become a participant in accordance with Section 10 as 15-1H2 and 10 as 15-1H7 NMSA 1978.

Motion: Secretary Bryant

Second: Member Garza

Motion: to move back into open session, noting that nothing was discussed other than the amended personnel matters and client privilege pertaining to threatened to changing litigation in which the public body is or may become a participant in accordance with sections 1015-1, page 2, 1015-1, page 7, NMSA, 1978 in the New Mexico Open Amuse Act and no final action on the personnel was taken.

Motion: Member Merrick

Second: Member Dixon

13. Future Agenda Items

a) Next Regular Meeting, Date, Time, and Location: August 27th, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at ENMWUA Headquarters, 5140 N. Prince Street, Clovis, NM, 88101

14. For the Good of the Order

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned officially at 4:10 pm

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Mike Morris
Chairman

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Chris Bryant
Secretary