ENMWUA Regular Board Meeting

DATE: Thursday, July 17, 2025
LOCATION: ENMWUA Conference Room, 5140 N. Prince Street, Clovis NM, 88101.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

2. Roll Call

Roll was called. The following ENMWUA Board Members were in attendance in-person: Chairman Morris, Secretary Bryant, Member Garza, Vice-Chair Lucero, and Member Merrick. Also, in attendance ENMWUA Administrator Orlando Ortega and Deputy Administrator Jacquelynn Bowens as well as ENMWUA Attorney Kameron Barnett, Jim Honea and Micah Johnson with Jacobs Engineering, Joseph Hernandez with Oscar Renda Contracting, Robby Sanders with Smithco Construction, and Sam Montoya with Harper Brothers Construction. Members of the public that attended: Madeline Hettinga and Eric Palla with Bella Terra, Linda Palla with EA Westphal Trust, Elida Mayor Durward Dixon.

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.

5. Acknowledgement of ENMWUA's 15th Anniversary

ENMWUA Administrator Orlando Ortega stated that today marks the 15th anniversary of the Authority's official establishment.

6. Approval of Agenda

A motion to adopt the agenda was unanimously approved.

Result:	Approved by Vote (5-0)
Ayes: 5	
Nays: 0	

7. Approval of Minutes

a) The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on Thursday, June 26, 2025, at 3:00 pm at the ENMWUA Conference Room, Clovis NM, 88101.

Result:	Approved by Vote (5-0)
Ayes: 5	
Nays: 0	

8. Public Input

Chairman Morris addressed the public for any comments, and no public input was made at this time.

9. Monthly Financials

a) Approval of Monthly Financials for the Month Ending June 30, 2025. – Ortega

Mr. Ortega reported on financial activities for the month of June that included administrative, professional services, and capital construction. Total revenues reported for the month ending June 30, 2025, were in the amount of $2,634,176.04. Interest earned for the month of June 2025, was $15,677.23. Expenditures reported for the month ending June 30, 2025, were a total of $2,725,862.91. The total balance of all Authority accounts as of June 30, 2025, was reported at $8,501,221.24.

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

Result:	Approved by Vote (5-0)
Motion: Merrick	
Second: Bryant	
Ayes: 5	
Nays: 0	

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

Mr. Ortega informed the Board Members at this time the Authority is requesting a monthly transfer for funds in the amount of $302,000.00.

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

Result:	Approved by Vote (5-0)
Motion: Garza	

Garza	
Second: Merrick	
Ayes: 5	
Nays: 0	

10. New Business Items

a) Resolution 2025-05 Adoption of the June 30, 2025, 4th Quarter Year to Date Financial Report. – Ortega

Mr. Ortega explained that this resolution enables the Authority to finalize the FY2025 budget. He also presented a bar sheet to the Board members, summarizing the cash reconciliation and providing an overview of the FY2025 budget.

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

Result:	Approved by Vote (5-0)
Motion:	
Second:	
Ayes: 5	
Nays: 0	

b) Resolution 2025-06 Adoption of the FY2026 Final Budget. – Ortega

Mr. Ortega explained that this resolution approves the FY2026 final budget. He then delivered a detailed presentation, reviewing the entire budget in full. Mr. Ortega reported that once adopted by the Board, the final budget will be submitted to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration for their review and approval.

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

Result:	Approved by Vote (5-0)
Motion:	
Second:	
Ayes: 5	
Nays: 0	

c) Resolution 2025-07 Authorizing Submission of an Application for Funding to the New Mexico Water Trust Board in FY2026. – Ortega, Bowens

Mr. Ortega stated that the resolution authorizes the Administrator and staff to submit an application for funding to the New Mexico Water Trust Board for the Fiscal Year 2026 funding cycle. He further noted that the maximum funding amount available to applicants this year is $24,300,000.00.

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

Result:	Approved by Vote (5-0)
Motion:	
Second:	
Ayes: 5	
Nays: 0	

d) Request for Approval of the Purchase of Real Estate from Chris R. Westphal and Linda J. Palla as Co-Trustees of the Everett A. Westphal and Marjorie V. Westphal Irrevocable Living Trust Agreement Number One and Accompanying Memorandum of Understanding to the ENMWUA for the Use of Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System Facilities. – Ortega, Barnett

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Section Twenty-One (21), Township Five (5) North, Range Thirty-Four (34) East, N.M.P.M.,

Curry County, New Mexico

Mr. Ortega explained that the property under consideration is the proposed site for the water treatment plant. He noted that the ENMWUA has made an offer to the property owners, who have agreed to the acquisition but not to the valuation. The final valuation will be determined by the court at a later date. Mr. Ortega informed the Board that both parties are in agreement, and if approved, the ENMWUA will deposit the appraised value into the court registry.

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

Result:	Approved by Vote (5-0)
Motion: Lucero	
Second: Garza	
Ayes: 5	
Nays: 0	

11. Unfinished Business – N/A

12. Reports from Board Members and Staff

a) State Activities – Thompson

Absent.

b) Federal Activities – Ryan

Mr. Ryan reported that the House is currently working on its regular Fiscal Year 2026 budget. In fact, today they are reviewing the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill in full committee. However, we're neither particularly concerned nor overly optimistic about the House's actions at this stage. Typically, our best opportunity to secure funding for the Rural Water Program comes through the Senate.

As of now, the Senate has not yet taken up the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill. The Senate Appropriations Committee is currently focused on a budget rescission bill that was recently passed through the Senate. Once that process is complete, we expect them to turn their attention to Energy and Water.

c) Project Development Activities – Jacobs, Jim Honea

FW1 – Joseph Hernandez with Oscar Renda Contracting reported that pipe installation is 100% complete (except final connection). Temporary fence removal is 100% complete, vaults are currently in progress, fiber optic conduit installation is 100% complete (except final connection), and restoration (topsoil replacement) is 99% complete.

FW3B – Robby Sanders with Smithco Construction advised that vaults are 100% complete (except surface features), fiber optic is 100% complete (except final connection), topsoil restoration is 99% complete, temporary fencing is 100% complete, and pipe installation is 100% complete (except final connection).

RW3 – Sam Montoya with Harper Brothers stated pipe installation started on July 8, 2025. He further shared that topsoil removal is 32% complete (approx. 7 miles), temporary fencing installation is 60% complete (approx. 21.5 miles), pipe installed is 0.27% complete (approx. 96 ft).

Water Treatment Plant (Pilot) – Sam Montoya from Harper Brothers reported that material deliveries are ongoing. Foundation forms and slab conduit have been installed. Electrical and potable waterline installations are currently underway, and the slab placement has been completed.

Texico Lateral – Mr. Honea informed the Board Members that Submittal/RFI is currently in progress.

RW1A – Mr. Honea reported that Jacobs is in the process of determining the bid advertisement date. He also stated that the notice to proceed has been received from USBR Environmental.

RW1B – Mr. Honea advised that 100% permit completion is targeted for July 2025, and the bid documents are scheduled for completion by September 2025.

Elida Lateral – Mr. Honea shared Jacobs has submitted 60% design.

Elida Pump Stations – Mr. Honea informed the Board Members that 90% design has been submitted.

Intake Pump Station – Mr. Honea explained that the stamped Bid ready documents have been submitted.

Caprock Pump Station – Mr. Honea advised stamped Bid ready documents have been submitted.

Water Treatment Plant (Injection Well Investigation) – Mr. Honea stated that Jacobs is finalizing the preparation of the permit application and is planning a meeting with state regulators to review it.

d) Ute Reservoir USGS Report – Bowens

Currently the Ute Reservoir Storage in ac/ft as of June 17, 2025, the Reservoir was at 1889,600 ac/ft and as of today July 17, 2025, was reported at 195,800 ac/ft for a gain of 6,200 ac/ft. The Ute Reservoir Water Surface Elevation in ac/ft as of June 17, 2025, was reported at 3,786.21 ft and as of today July 17, 2025, was reported at 3,787.04 ft for a gain of 9.96 inches.

e) Report from the Chair – Morris

Chairman Morris expressed that this is an exciting and pivotal time in the life of this project. It is critically important to the communities of Clovis, Cannon, Texico, Grady, and Elida, and it's truly a privilege to be involved with all of you. Groundwater is a finite resource, so I appreciate the continued focus and progress.

f) Report from the Administrator – Ortega

Mr. Ortega reported that the Authority is actively involved in every aspect of what was reported today and is pleased to have reached this important milestone together. As we close out Fiscal Year 2025 and transition into the new fiscal year, we are finalizing the budget and preparing for a busy and productive year ahead in project construction and design work. The project is progressing on schedule, and we remain committed to securing the necessary funding to keep it moving forward in the right direction.

13. Future Agenda Items

a) Next Regular Meeting, Date, Time, and Location: Thursday, August 28, at 3:00 p.m. at the ENMWUA Conference Room, 5140 N. Prince Street, Clovis NM, 88101.

14. For the Good of the Order

15. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned officially at 4:45 pm

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Michael A. Morris
Chairman

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Chris Bryant
Secretary