# LUBBOCK COUNTY WCID NO. 1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES OF September 8, 2026

Lubbock County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 (LCWCID) Board of Directors met in a **CALLED** meeting on **September 9, 2026,** at 5:00 p.m., at the Lubbock County WCID No. 1 Buffalo Springs Lake Administration Office Board Room, 9999 High Meadow Road, Lubbock, Texas 79404. The meeting notice was legally posted in accordance with the Government Code, Title 551, Open Meetings.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM**

Teresa Stephens, Ashley Ramirez, Casey Klinensmith, Kade Garner, Kristy Doss

**EMPLOYEES PRESENT**

Heather Purcell, Tish Simmons, Lacy Pesina, Katrina Jones, Chris Fisher, Jason Robb

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Director Stephens called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. with five board members present.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board entered Executive Session at 5:03 p.m.
The Board reconvened in regular session at 6:25 p.m.

**INVOCATION**

Teresa Stephens gave the invocation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Comment

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Director Ramirez moved to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2026, and August 27, 2026, meetings. Director Doss seconded the motion.

**REPORTS**

**Finance Report by Heather Purcell:**
Heather submitted the Finance Report to the Board via email. Heather reviewed the Lake's current finances with the Board.

**Police Report by Chief Jones:**
Chief Jones emailed the Police Report to the Board. The Board had no questions about the report. Chief Jones told the Board she called surrounding town shelters to ask if they could take our stray/abandoned dog. None of the shelters could or would take them because they were completely full.

**Customer Service Report by Tish Simmons:**
Tish submitted the Customer Service Report to the Board via e-mail. The Board had no questions about the report.

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**Maintenance Report by Chris Fisher:**
Chris Fisher updated the Board on current maintenance projects throughout the District. He reported landscaping improvements around the waterfall, including new trees, and ongoing mowing and weed-eating throughout the lake and campground areas. Chris also addressed repeated evening vandalism in the marina restrooms. Because of these ongoing issues, he recommended closing the marina restrooms in the evening and placing a portable restroom near the Fire Department to provide an alternative for those needing access after hours.

**Utility Report by Jason Robb:**

Jason Robb provided the Board with an update on the District's lift stations and current utility operations. He reported that the pump at Lift Station 6 is operational but struggling to keep up with demand and will be replaced. Lift Station 9 will also need a new pump soon. At Lift Station 3, the pump is struggling to keep up with demand, and the Utility Department is developing a plan to reduce strain and improve its operation. Jason also discussed procedures for issuing boil water notices. He explained that a boil water notice is not required in every water service interruption. He stated that when the water system has been properly disinfected and flushed and reaches the required reading of 2.5, the system may restore water service. He further explained that during certain interruptions, the water supply is not completely shut off but is reduced to a very low pressure, which may prevent water from reaching residents. Whether a boil water notice is needed depends on the specific circumstances and applicable water safety requirements.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Consider, discuss, and take possible action on a proposal to establish an animal welfare support program specifically for dogs at Buffalo Springs Lake.
Director Ramirez moved to open the item. Director Doss seconded the motion.

Marcy Suhr addressed the Board regarding the ongoing issue of stray and abandoned dogs at Buffalo Springs Lake. She reported that over the past six months, she has rescued nine dogs from the lake, with an estimated expense of $250 per dog. Marcy explained that she works closely with the SPCA and The Haven, where they take the rescued dogs after veterinary care.

Marcy also expressed concerns about overcrowding at the City of Lubbock Animal Shelter, saying the shelter is at capacity and euthanizes animals about every three days due to overpopulation. She told the Board that anyone wishing to donate money may do so directly to the SPCA or The Haven. She also explained that donations of blankets, bleach, cleaning supplies, dog food, toys, leashes, and kennels would be greatly appreciated to help care for rescued animals.

The Board discussed organizing a donation drive to help provide Marcy with much-needed supplies for her rescue efforts. Lacy Pesina and Tish Simmons will coordinate the donation drive, with the District's Administration Office as the designated drop-off location.

No motion was made.

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Consider, discuss, and take action on quotes received for the Maintenance Department's lawn mower purchase.
Director Ramirez moved to open the item. Director Klingensmith seconded the motion.

Chris Fisher presented and reviewed the lawn mower bids received for the Maintenance Department. The bids were as follows:

- **Bobcat:** $14,158.00
- **Kubota:** $20,278.00
- **Gravely 31 HP, 72-inch:** $13,399.00
- **Gravely 35 HP, 72-inch:** $17,699.00

Chris informed the Board that the Maintenance Department currently has four lawn mowers, two of which have ongoing mechanical issues and are not consistently operational. The remaining two lawn mowers are in good working condition.

Chris discussed the Maintenance Department's current equipment needs and provided the Board with available purchase options for consideration.

**Director Klingensmith moved that Heather and Chris purchase the Gravely 31 HP 72-inch mower for $13,339 from Paul's Parts. Director Doss seconded the motion. All in favor.**

Discuss, consider, and take possible action regarding the recruitment and hiring process for the Lake Manager position, including the acceptance and review of applications, interview procedures, selection of candidates, and other matters related to the hiring and appointment of a new Lake Manager.

Director Ramirez moved to open the item. Director Doss seconded the motion.

The Board discussed beginning the hiring process for a new Lake Manager. Discussion included setting a timeline for accepting applications and resumes, advertising the position on the District's Facebook page, and adding a link to the District's website so interested applicants could submit their resumes. The Board also discussed setting a resume submission deadline and the process for moving forward with recruiting and selecting qualified applicants.

**Director Ramirez moved to accept resumes from September 9, 2026, until September 25, 2026, at 5:00 PM, via the link provided on the District website. Director Doss seconded the motion. All in favor.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Discuss, consider, and take possible action on updating, adopting, implementing, and enforcing building codes and related construction requirements within the District, and establishing consistent procedures for administering and enforcing building regulations.

Director Doss moved to open the item. Director Ramirez seconded the motion.

Director Klingensmith provided the Board with an update regarding the recent workshop held to review the District's building codes and construction requirements. He discussed

the City of Lubbock's use of the 2021 building codes and recommended that the District align its building codes and requirements as closely as possible with those adopted by the City of Lubbock to promote consistency in building standards and enforcement.

Director Klingensmith also addressed the District's current building permit and inspection fees, recommending that the Board consider increasing these fees to better reflect current costs and the services provided by the District.

**Director Ramirez moved to adopt the new building codes, including revisions to electrical, plumbing, and insurance requirements for new builds on lots. Director Klingensmith seconded the motion. All in favor.**

Discuss, consider, and take possible action regarding the adoption of building codes and related construction requirements as an official District ordinance.

Director Ramirez moved to open the item. Director Doss seconded the motion.
The item was tabled. No motion made.

Discuss, consider, and take possible action on reducing gate admission fees during the off-season and establishing promotional pricing or discounts for annual passes, including possible reduced rates for the remainder of the current year and special promotional sales for Black Friday, Cyber Monday, and the month of December.

Tish submitted a pricing suggestion sheet based on last year and the previous years' pricing for the Board to refer to,

**Director Klingensmith moved for a 25% discount on all annual passes on black Friday/cyber Monday. Starting November 27, 2026 (black Friday) through November 30, 2026 (cyber Monday). Director Ramirez seconded the motion. All in favor.**

**Director Ramirez moved that, starting October 1, 2026, and ending February 28, 2027, general admission for adults 16+ be reduced to $10.00, with two kids 15 and under free, seniors 65+ at $5.00, and any additional children at $5.00. Director Doss seconded the motion. All in favor.**

**Director Klingensmith moved to mark the 2026 annual passes purchased September 9, 2026, through November 27, 2026, at half price. Director Ramirez seconded the motion. All in favor.**

Discuss and receive an update regarding the status and progress of the Dam Project.

Director Klingensmith gave an update on the Dam Project. He reported that the project is progressing well and remains on schedule. The construction crew took three days off for the Labor Day holiday and is scheduled to resume work on Tuesday, September 9, 2026.

The crew will continue working on an 11-days-on, 3-days-off schedule. The project is currently anticipated to be completed in early November 2026.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Gary Marcum: He spoke with the board about ideas to improve the Marina bathrooms and expressed concerns about the need for a one-way sign at Marina Beach.

**ADJOURN**

Director Klingensmith moved to adjourn the meeting. Director Doss seconded the motion. Adjourned at 8:03 pm. All in favor.

Teresa Stephens President _____ Date: _____

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