

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Goshen Irrigation District was called for March 10, 2026, at 10:00 A.M., at the District's headquarters in Torrington, Wyoming. President Shawn Booth called the meeting to order at 9:56 a.m. Roll call was taken and those members present were Steve Schmick, Vice President; Randy Steben, Secretary\Treasurer; Joel Alworth, Commissioner virtual; Cole Coxbill, Commissioner virtual; Kevin Strecker, Manager; Linda Keeran, Secretary; Andrea Janes, Cost Acct.; Ethan Knox, WM and Patrick Zimmerer, Attorney.

Attendees: Matts Wells, BOR-OF and HDR, Marcus Krall virtual

Re-organization of the Goshen Irrigation District board:

Vice President Schmick moved to retain the officers as they stand, retain First State Bank; to retain Patrick Zimmerer as Attorney, and to retain Torrington Telegram. Commissioner Alworth seconded the motion, motion carried. Discussion of setting the monthly meeting day, Sec-Steben made a motion for the second Wednesday of the month of 2026, can be flexible if we need to change the day. Com-Alworth seconded the motion, motion carried.

VP-Schmick made a motion to approve the February 16, 2026, board minutes with amendments. Sec-Steben seconded the motion, motion carried. Sec-Steben noted the JD350 excavator repairs came in less than the quote. The price of gates has increased, get a grant through WWDC to replace them. Com-Coxbill made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. VP-Schmick seconded the motion, motion passed.

MAN-Strecker:

- 1) WWDC Chace Tavelli, PE will view Whalen Dam on Thursday, March 19, 2026, for the feasibility study.
- 2) Hired Kenneth Teague for ride #5 and he has a CDL, Terry Lapp will come back and do ride #3 and need to hire for ride #6.
- 3) Looking at selling the Chevy Colorado pickup and purchase a crew pickup. Advertise it before we sale it.

FM Gladson:

Reviewed the bank repair work and raising the road, this reshaping project is under the RWB. We rented haul trucks from NMC which saved wear and tear on our trucks. Les Hardesty's drain is completed.

Marcus Krall - HDR

Updates we have active construction on the portals; schedule remains an area of focus. Atkinson Construction (GFAC) mobilization for the steel sheets, pre-excavation work, tunnel liner, and digger shield. We have a zero-cost amendment in front of you for consideration asking you to cover our support of the steel set work. The digger shield submittal has been released, showing the fabrication. Issued the latest notice to proceed with Kelly for the final fabrication, with 40% down on the cost of the machine. We also have an updated final submittal on the segments returned to CMAR/GFAC; they have more information on that. Once we get that back, we will complete that and the BOR had an interest in that process. Some of the delegated design aspects, those things the manufacturer had to prove through their design was going to work for shipping and handling, and the temporary health conditions for those segments. When those are released, we will issue a notice to proceed to cast for both tunnel quantities. The steel sets are on site; Atkinson is beginning

work on those 25 sets to be installed, leaving 10 for the additional contingency for next year if during mining operations the sets are needed. Sec-Steben approximately is the length of the digger shield. HDR-Krall 120 feet. Man-Strecker discuss if we want to put the sheets back up, be around 70 feet, costing about \$32,000.00 and Atkinson would install it for another \$79,500.00. Sec-Steben has any hydraulics been done on the sheeting. HDR-Krall we certainly could with the advanced modeling the CFD, we've not done that level of detailed analysis. Man-Strecker just afraid it's going to hit those ribs and swirl. VP-Schmick I would put the sheeting back in with new tin. Man-Strecker hate to risk, even though it's a short of water we're still wanting to get the water through. Sec-Steben you need approval from the board. HDR-Krall we have a change order for your consideration, no net cost, just recognizing the scope and supporting all this work. We feel we are covered in the budget, not asking for more money, asking that this be included within the contract. Com-Coxbill this amendment has the detail of putting the additional ribs and sheeting. HDR-Krall, it says we are going to be there for all the observation, we're already doing that, the additional ribs are covered under here. If we want to direct them to do re-sheeting, that can certainly be included. Com-Coxbill, the additional sheets you said were covered in your money. HDR-Krall the sheeting if you elected to do that would be roughly \$79,500.00, WWDC taken the position it's an O&M activity, there's some risks that is made out of pocket. Com-Coxbill made a motion to have the ribs re-sheeted with new sheeting. VP-Schmick seconded the motion, motion carried. The set installs continue for the next couple of weeks. First part of April 2026 begin the pre-excavation grouting program, hardening that zone of the previous collapse. We had a conference with the CMAR/GFAC focused on final changes. We have a GMP to do the tunneling, there's a certain number of exclusions and limitations associated with that. And until the final design was completed, and through BOR review, now that's all done, we're doing what's called reconciliation. We are going to see this final proposal from them, focus on anything that's changed. Your GMP is still valid, still have a performance bond for them to do the tunneling, tying up the loose ends on design evaluation or changes that occur. We expect that to cover the form of a change order. Some of those contingency accounts that were set up have not been touched. There are going to be a lot coming back, areas where Atkinson is asking for more on anything that has changed, actively negotiating that. Pres-Booth grouting from the top down, with a measuring device inside the tunnel. HDR-Krall won't exactly be pressured but will put in convergence monitors they are very precise, measure any displacement in the tunnel areas of injection. VP-Schmick will you have all the new sets complete before they start. HDR-Krall, in essence yes, will have the new sets in. Com-Coxbill I thought we did permeation grouted; there's still voids that they didn't get. HDR-Krall because of the diameter of the tunnel and the digger shield being so much larger, we don't have high confidence that that permeation grout has, this program is going to be harder in this zone right above where the digger shield's going to be to support that ground. Com-Coxbill they were going 10 feet outside the diameter of the tunnel. Man-Strecker they did the inlet and outlet but did not do that collapse zone, not enough dirt there. Pres-Booth are they going to do the whole length of the tunnel. HDR-Krall targeting that area at the front, the collapse. This is a higher quality grout, called acrylamides, penetrate into the fine materials provide better strength. IFC's keep on your radar, shield weldments are happening, rolled in Toronto potential tariff impacts associated with that. Supreme Court ruling on tariffs could be removed, actualized at the end of the month, Atkinson will be sending us a notice of that when it happens. Com-Coxbill did the board make the decision to buy it in Canada or the manufacturer. HDR-Krall Kelly demonstrated reasonably last fall there were no other options available for casting this and the timeframe we had. We heard the tariffs were having the intended impact, so all the U.S. suppliers and manufacturers of steel were very busy, and unable to roll this diameter of steel and the time that we needed for the project. CMAR/GFAC provided a list of suppliers we checked into, the tariffs were not included in the GMP, not reasonable to be cast in the United States not possible for anyone to discount or price in what the tariffs would be. They had the burden of proof they were unable to source that domestically, which I can recommend appears to have been the case. Com-Coxbill you would recommend not paying the tariffs or paying them. HDR-Krall based upon the information my recommendation to the board that the CMAR/GFAC appears to have demonstrated there were no other domestic options available within the time of our project. There is a workshop with Kelly and CMAR/GFAC later this week focused on contingency planning in the event the portals aren't fully ready for launch. Mountain View Builders (MVB) portal update the slab at the inlet has been placed, all soil nails are in, and the concrete crews are working quickly. I think it is still wise to contingency plan in the event that everything is not exactly ready for

launch where we would want it to be. MVB still owe us final recovery schedule, there will need to be a decision from the board next month. Com-Coxbill Marcus are we lowering the floor of the tunnel at all or is it going to be identical to where it was before. HDR-Krall yes, the digger shield rides on the existing invert and there is about a 5-foot rise on the segments because of the annular grouted process. Mine through the existing tunnel and floor so there's not a backwater effect coming up. I think it would be unwise to delay launching the machine, so if there's anything that needs to happen, we are going to investigate what those opportunities can look like, potentially shaving off scope by the back end. Pres-Booth it's important that the launch site is completed before water comes in. HDR-Krall is 100% correct we have got to be ready for launch next year.

Matt Wells, BOR Operations Officer:

March 9, 2026, the Pathfinder Irrigation account is at 291,337AF. Guernsey ownership account has 25,683AF, so that puts you around 317,020AF for a water supply, pretty dismal. Snowpak has improved a little since last week, represent 72% of median, UNP 72% and LNP 48%. Flows at Sinclair running around 350 feet. May 1, 2026, forecast we are now forecasting our April through July 2026, run off to the base and above Pathfinder is 320,000AF. Last month we were forecasting 390,000AF, so we cut 70,000AF. Some of the inflows during February didn't meet expectations, when we do the math looking at our total forecasted supply of 707,946AF. Last month was 787,979AF we dropped our forecast by approximately 80,000AF. The forecast for March going forward looks really dry and really warm. Lyle Myler, BOR Area Manager, attended the Casper Alcova board meeting, and they agreed to loan water from the Kendrick Project, only 100,000AF will be available between the districts. There was discussion of setting an allocation for the district. Sec-Steben let's say we end up with 60 days of water, Cole and Joel are you in favor of borrowing water at that point. Com-Coxbill at 60 days with how the payback goes, I would not be in favor of it at that point myself. Discussion was tabled until the April 8, 2026 board meeting.

The NPVIA is having a meeting on Friday, March 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. with the BOR, crop insurance agents, area managers, and board members to discuss the irrigation season.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:36 P.M.

Respectively submitted this 10th day of March 2026.

Linda S. Keeran, Secretary-Treasurer

Randy Steben, Secretary-Treasurer

ATTEST:

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