

East Side Highway District Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2026

Call to Order: Chairman Christensen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Attendance: Commissioner Christensen, Commissioner Boothe, Commissioner Addington

Staff present: Director of Highways Ben Weymouth; Deputy Director Dave Yerian; Clerk Rosie Ham
Also present: Bryan Jensen, P.E., JUB Engineering; William Canevari, Claudia Gough, Matt Nason, Eugene Chavez, Warren Vest

Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Addington motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Boothe seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Declared Conflicts of Interest: None

Public Comment: Claudia Gough of Kootenai Water District #1 requested clarification regarding weight restrictions in Bonanza Ranch and their effect on the contractor's ability to address construction concerns. Director Weymouth stated that the roads must be passable for residents; however, he noted that operating heavy equipment under current weather conditions would further damage the roads. Should these warm conditions persist, necessary repairs may need to be postponed until the roads have sufficiently dried. In response to ongoing resident concerns, Ms. Gough affirmed a commitment to restoring the roads to their pre-construction condition.

William Canevari, a resident of Blue Creek Road, presented several matters to the Board. He discussed safety concerns regarding the intersection of Blue Creek, Yellowstone Trail Road, and Sunnyside Road; addressed the striping on the two-lane bridge; and formally requested an increase to the speed limit on Sunnyside Road.

Warren Vest, Mullan Trail Road, resident, discussed snow plowing to the end of the cul-de-sac.

New Business:

- A. JUB Task Review: Bryan Jensen, P.E. from JUB, gave the District an update on current projects. The funding application for Bridge No. 30480 (Wolf Lodge) is nearly finished and will be submitted by January 22, 2026. This project qualifies for a Federal Grant but isn't listed on the Federal Register, which means the District must cover any costs over the \$3M Federal cap. According to the final draft, the District's share would be about \$529,000. Construction is approximately five years away, allowing the District to plan for the financial commitment. Other possible sources of funding include a \$100,000 LHRIP Construction Grant and potentially ITD support. Additional details will become available as the process continues.
- B. Resolution 2025-05 Amendment: An amendment to the original resolution is needed to document the change in the construction cost estimate. The resolution allows the District to acknowledge the cost change from \$2.6M to \$3.5M and our intention to proceed. Motion by Commissioner Addington to approve the Amendment to Resolution 2025-05, seconded by

Commissioner Boothe. Roll call vote to approve the resolution: Commissioner Addington – Yes; Commissioner Boothe – Yes; Commissioner Christensen – Yes. The motion carried.

- C. FAM25-0018 Woempner Family Division. The Family Exemption applies to this application, and after reviewing the letter of comment and the approval conditions, Commissioner Addington moved to approve the letter and granted the Director authority to continue following standard procedures. Commissioner Boothe seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
- D. MIN25-0024 Still Pine Ridge: This proposed two-lot subdivision will obtain access to a public roadway via E. Traditional Trail, a private road, via French Gulch. That portion of French Gulch Road is public and built to AHDKC Standards; therefore, a Road Development Agreement is not required. After reviewing the letter of comment and the approval conditions, Commissioner Addington moved to approve the letter and granted the Director authority to continue following standard procedures. Commissioner Boothe seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
- E. MIN25-0025 Hardy Creek Ranch: This proposed four-lot subdivision accesses Hardy Creek Road, Hardy Loop Road, and Schlagel Draw Road, none of which are built to the AHDKC Standards. A Road Development Agreement between the applicant and the District will be necessary. After reviewing the letter of comment and the approval conditions, Commissioner Boothe moved to approve the letter and granted the Director authority to continue following standard procedures. Commissioner Addington seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
- F. IIIA Joint Powers Agreement: The Board reviewed the renewal agreement between the District and IIIA Insurance and the changes outlined in the email from Amy Manning, Executive Director of IIIA. Action: Commissioner Boothe motioned to accept the JPA as presented. Commissioner Addington seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
- G. Executive Session under Idaho Code 74-206 (j) Commissioner Addington made a motion to enter Executive Session under I.C. 74-206(j) to discuss labor matters at 10:07 a.m. Commissioner Boothe seconded the motion and the following roll call was taken: Commissioner Addington – Yes, Commissioner Boothe – Yes, Commissioner Christensen – Yes. The motion carried. At 10:12 a.m. Commissioner Boothe made a motion to close the session and re-enter the regular meeting. Commissioner Addington seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Old Business & Meeting Schedule:

A Special Meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2026, to address the Bastrup Vacation Hearing. The hearing was initially postponed from last October to the Board Meeting on January 26, but that meeting was later rescheduled to January 19th. In accordance with Idaho Code hearing rules, we will hold the Special Meeting as planned on January 26th to continue the hearing at a regular meeting later this spring or early summer.

The Correspondence List Discussions: No discussion.

Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Boothe made a motion to approve the consent agenda, approving the December 15, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, the December 29, 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes, and the January 2026 Treasury Report. Commissioner Addington seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Petty Cash	\$200
Umpqua Checking Acct	\$547,256
(less assured macro-balance)	-\$1,500
State Treasury Fund 891	\$1,323,772
Reserve Funds Acct 412	\$1,382,623
TMF Fund Acct 369	\$287,524
Total Funds	\$3,539,875

Reports:

Director Weymouth:

- Updated the Board of Commissioners on the upcoming hearing information available on the District's website.
- He and Deputy Director Yerian are actively updating the CIP in preparation for the upcoming budget and construction season.
- We may have an IEOM-FEMA declaration for the recent wind event. He will know more in time.
- The equipment financing process through Columbia Bank is nearly complete.
- We hope to have enough progress on the Yellowstone Flap Grant for the Board to review and approve documents within the next few regular board meetings.
- Director Weymouth will be attending the Capitol for the Day scheduled for February 10th.

Deputy Director Yerian: Crew is still cleaning up the fallen trees and limbs from the December 2025 wind event. Sub District 2 was hit the hardest, and he expects the cleanup to extend into spring as weather allows. He shared that Crewman Kimball has done an excellent job filling in for the Foreman.

Commissioners: No discussion

Adjournment: With no additional business, Chairman Christensen adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Graham Christensen, Chair
Sub District 1 Commissioner

John Boothe
Sub District 2 Commissioner

Mark Addington
Sub District 3 Commissioner

Rosie Ham, Clerk