

Alberta SouthWest Regional Alliance
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, February 4, 2026, Town Council Chambers, Claresholm



Board Representatives

Brent Feyter, Fort Macleod
 Brad Schlossberger, Claresholm
 Sahra Nodge, Pincher Creek
 Barbara Burnett, Cowley
 Cam Francis, Cardston County
 Rick Lemire, MD Pincher Creek
 John Van Driesten, MD Willow Creek
 Barbara Clay, Waterton
 Shauna Strong, Nanton
 Mike Hegedus, Hill Spring
 Shane Ford, Glenwood
 Pat Rypien, Crowsnest Pass
 Katerina Bunyan, Cowley (alt)

Resource Staff and Partners

Carmen Hancock, Parks Canada
 Marie Everts, JETI
 Mark Brown, CFABSW
 Greg Long, LRSD
 Sean Miles, AlbertaSW
 Bev Thornton, AlbertaSW
 Ali Hemmay, Claresholm

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| 1 | Call to Order and Welcome | Chair, Brent Feyter |
| 2 | Approval of Agenda | Moved by Cam Francis THAT the agenda be approved as presented.
Carried. [2026-02-1007] |
| 3 | Approval of Minutes | Moved by Barbara Burnett THAT the Minutes of January 7, 2026, be approved as presented.
Carried. [2026-02-1008] |
| 4 | Approval of Cheque Register | Moved by Cam Francis THAT cheques #3629to #3640 be approved as presented.
Carried. [2026-02-1009] |
| 5 | Waste management information session discussion | Board discussed the information session held with Endpoint Recovery waste management that uses pyrolysis to turn municipal waste into revenue generating products such as diesel and carbon while reducing environmental footprint. While this will be decision of individual landfill associations and municipalities, AlbertaSW can help facilitate information-sharing as options are explored. |
| 6 | Parks Canada | Superintendent Carmen Hancock provided an update on Park visitation and the intent of Parks Canada to collaborate with surrounding municipalities to take a longer range, strategic approach to developing opportunities in our visitor economy and managing impacts on wildlife and landscape.. |
| 7 | Investment Director Report | Sean Miles presented an overview of priorities in the upcoming months. There are significant investment ventures developing in the region. January details attached as separate document. Accepted as information. |
| 8 | Executive Director Report | Accepted as information. |

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| 9 | Round table | Accepted as information. |
| 10 | Upcoming Board Meetings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wednesday, March 4, 2026 ➤ Wednesday, April 1, 2026 ➤ Wednesday, May 6, 2026 ➤ Wednesday, June 4, 2026 |
| 11 | Adjourn | <p>Moved by Mike Hegedus THAT the meeting be adjourned.
 Carried. [2026-02-1010]</p> |

Approved March 4, 2026

Executive Director Report January 2026

MEETINGS and PRESENTATIONS

Feb 3: RINSA, Teconnect
 Feb 4: Waste Management presentation, Claresholm
 Feb 4: Board meeting, Claresholm
 Feb 5: Bev/Sean meeting, Zoom
 Feb 9: Meeting with Beth Russell-Towe, Zoom
 Feb 10: Blackfoot Signage meeting, Teams
 Feb 12: Bev/Sean meeting, Zoom
 Feb 12: IEDC-AEDO Advisory Committee, Zoom
 Feb 12: new product launch, PIP Int'l, Lethbridge
 Feb 13: Resilience Task Force Meeting, Zoom
 Feb 17: EDA/IEDC special meeting re: AEDO certification/collaboration, Zoom
 Feb 17: PrairiesCan "Exchange" meeting, Lethbridge
 Feb 18: EDL Board meeting, Teconnect
 Feb 18: Meeting with PREDA, Zoom
 Feb 19: Bev/Sean meeting, Zoom
 Feb 24: REDA Managers meeting, Zoom
 Feb 25: Bev/Sean meeting, Zoom
 Feb 25: Meeting re: Cardiac Centre fund-raising, Lethbridge
 Feb 26: H3TDA Planning day meeting, Lethbridge
 Feb 27: Resilience Task Force meeting, Zoom

Feb 27: Bev/Sean meeting with EDL, Teconnect
 Feb 27: Bev/Sean meeting with PrairiesCan, Teconnect

PROJECT MANAGEMENT and REPORTING

- Website inquiries and referrals
- Prepare Corporate Return
- Operations Plan 2026-2027
- Tourism and Economic Summit event support

INVESTMENT ATTRACTION and REGIONAL PROMOTION

- Provincial and federal airports initiatives
- IEDC-AEDO Advisory Committee- policy input