

CANDIDATE LIST
IRRIGATION DISTRICT ELECTIONS
ELECTION DATE: MAY 5, 2026

Filing Opens: 1/20/2026
 Filing Closes: 2/4/2026
 Last Day to Withdraw: 2/4/2026

All positions are 3-year terms

Office Sought	Candidate Name	Mailing Address	Phone	Email	Filing Date	Filing Status
Bitter Root Irrigation Commissioner (Div 3)	Dave Golay *	2551 Home Acres Rd, Stevensville, MT 59870	406-369-0504	davekellygolay@gmail.com	1/26/2026	Filed
Bitter Root Irrigation Commissioner (Div 4)	John Schmiedeke *	4400 Lone Rock School Rd, Stevensville, MT 59870	406-544-4994	cjschmiedeke@hotmail.com	1/20/2026	Filed
Blodgett Creek Irrigation Commissioner	Emily Ingham Kiess *	300 Oertli Ln, Hamilton, MT 59840	406-671-6821	kiess.emily@gmail.com	2/4/2026	Filed
Canyon Creek Irrigation Commissioner	John H. Ormiston *	366 Blodgett Camp Rd, Hamilton, MT 59840	406-360-9530	johnhamtana@gmail.com	1/26/2026	Filed
Charlos Irrigation Commissioner	Justin Abbey	175 Lost Horse Rd, Hamilton, MT 59840	406-363-3802	none provided	2/3/2026	Filed
Daly Ditches Irrigation Commissioner (Div 1)	Nancy Bender *	633 Fish Hatchery Rd, Hamilton, MT 59840	406-360-1666	nebender@gmail.com	1/21/2026	Filed
Daly Ditches Irrigation Commissioner (Div 3)	Charley Moody *	PO Box 1705, Hamilton, MT 59840	406-370-0264	pintlari@gmail.com	1/20/2026	Filed
Lomo Irrigation Commissioner	Marilyn Vlasak *	PO Box 655, Hamilton, MT 59840	234-380-2637	marilynvlasak@gmail.com	1/30/2026	Filed
Mill Creek Irrigation Commissioner (Div 2)	NO FILINGS MADE - LOCAL BOARD APPT AS IF ELECTED (1 FULL-TERM)					
Sunset Irrigation Commissioner (At-Large)	Mark McFadgen *	3024 Bugli Ln, Stevensville, MT 59870	406-360-8701	mcfadgenmark@hotmail.com	1/27/2026	Filed
Ward Irrigation Commissionr (Div 3)	JR Lanser	229 Camas Creek Lp, Hamilton, MT 59840	406-544-9795	gary_lanser@yahoo.com	2/2/2026	Filed

The Irrigation District Elections will be cancelled and the candidates who filed an oath of candidacy will be elected by acclamation. Pursuant to 13-1-502(4) MCA, if the number of candidates is equal to or less than the number of positions to be elected, the election administrator may cancel the election in accordance with 13-1-304 MCA.

*Incumbent

Positions Available:

Bitter Root Div 3 (1), Bitter Root Div 4 (1), Blodgett Creek (1), Canyon Creek (1), Charlos (1), Daly Ditches: Div 1 (1), Div 3 (1), Lomo (1), Mill Creek Div 2 (1), Sunset Div 3 At-Large (1), Ward Div 3 (1)