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## Meagan Eliason

I have been a proud resident of the Outlook area for over a decade, living just north of Outlook with my husband and two children. As a Riverbend Co-op member for the past 10 years, I have seen firsthand how the Co-op serves as an economic and social anchor for our families and living in the heart of the trading area has given me a personal perspective on the essential services our members rely on every day, from agriculture to retail.

I am a Labour Relations Specialist with the Saskatchewan Health Authority, with over 15 years of experience in talent acquisition, employee relations, retail banking leadership and organizational development. My commitment to our community is reflected in my active volunteer roles; I currently serve as Treasurer on the Outlook Elementary School Community Council and previously served as vice-president of the Outlook Skating Club board and a member on the Outlook KidSport board.

I am a firm believer in the co-operative model, where the success of the business is directly reinvested into the people who use it. My interest in co-operative governance stems from a desire to ensure that Riverbend remains a resilient, member-driven organization. I value transparency, democratic member control, and the "concern for community" that sets co-operatives apart from traditional corporations.

As a Co-op member living right here in the Outlook area, I am not just asking to lead; I am asking to serve the community I call home. I combine a strong professional work ethic with a practical, member-first mindset. I am prepared to offer the oversight necessary to keep our Co-op thriving, ensuring it remains a cornerstone of our region for years to come. I would be honored to represent your interests and contribute to the continued growth of Riverbend Co-op.

~Meagan Eliason

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## Paul Saelhof

Dear Riverbend Co-op Members,

My name is Paul Saelhof, and I am honoured to put my name forward for the position of Director with the Riverbend Co-op.

Having grown up in the town of Simpson and farming in this community for over 30 years, I have witnessed firsthand the enduring strength and spirit that define our area. My background in the agriculture industry spans many years, from research and sales to planning, giving me a well-rounded perspective on the challenges and opportunities facing our region.

I personally use all areas of the Riverbend Co-op business; from the grocery store where I purchase food for my family, to the fuel I put in my equipment, and the agriculture supplies and hardware I rely on for my farm. This firsthand experience gives me a deep understanding of how important the co-op is to our daily lives and livelihood.

Family values have always been at the core of my life. My wife Lisa, who teaches locally, and I are truly fortunate to have our two children and their families living and farming nearby. This strong connection to family and community drives my commitment to ensure the vitality of our local businesses and the sustainability of farming and small-town life.

My service on the local school board and the R.M. Council has equipped me with valuable experience in leadership and community representation. As a Director, I will work diligently to represent the interests of the Riverbend Co-op within our community, striving to keep our co-op strong and progressive.

The world of farming and small towns is rapidly changing, and it is vital that we adapt to new markets and evolving conditions. I am committed to guiding our co-op to not only meet these challenges but to thrive, ensuring a prosperous future for generations to come.

Thank you for considering my candidacy. I look forward to the opportunity to serve and contribute to the ongoing success of the Riverbend Co-op.

Sincerely,  
~Paul Saelhof

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## Ed Spigott

Ed Spigott is a lifelong resident of Outlook, Sk, born and raised in the Riverbend trading area. He is a rancher and local business owner with deep roots in the community and a strong understanding of the needs of its members.

Ed is currently completing his second three-year term on the Board of Directors and is seeking re-election. During his tenure, he has served as Secretary, Vice-President, and most recently as Board Chair and President. In that time, Riverbend Coop has experienced significant growth, with annual sales increasing from approximately \$70 million to \$97 million last fiscal year, with a budget of \$145 million for the current year.

Professionally, Ed operates businesses across agriculture, retail, real estate and civil construction. He brings practical experience in governance, financial oversight and strategic planning, with a focus on accountability, responsible growth, and long-term sustainability.

Ed is also active in the community and has served in leadership roles on local boards, including Small Steps Early Learning Center. He believes in strong governance, sound decision-making and measurable results.

Ed would be honored to continue serving the membership of Riverbend Coop.

~Ed Spigott

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## Melanie Dyck

My husband and I live near Lucky Lake, where Boyd is a grain farmer and I'm administrator for the RM of Canaan No. 225 and the Village of Lucky Lake. We share four children and five grandchildren, and we spend as much time as we can with family and friends. I grew up in Swift Current, spending weekends and summers at the family farms. I lived in Saskatoon for a decade before moving out to a small rural town, then to the Lucky Lake area where I love to garden and work on the next house renovation.

I've worked in municipal government for nearly 30 years and have experience as an Engineering and Land Development Technologist, Roadways Superintendent, and Municipal Administrator. I've served as Secretary Treasurer for different groups; currently for Lucky Lake & District Fire Protection and the Lucky Lake School Community Council. I've volunteered on community associations, for the United Way, and the local Kinette Club. My background gives me a thorough understanding of finance and governance, and the skills to problem solve as a team and recognize opportunities for improvement.

I'd like to represent our members on the Riverbend Board since I share the values of Integrity, Community, Responsibility and Service. I also believe that communities thrive and prosper when people share their time and skills.

I'd be honored to receive your vote and thank you for your consideration.

~Melanie Dyck