



Board of Trustees
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 3, 2013
6:00 P.M.
Board Room
Minden-Gardnerville Sanitation District
1790 Hwy. 395
Minden, Nevada

Board Members Present:

Robert Allgeier
Michael Henningsen
Mark Dudley
Raymond Wilson
Barbara Smallwood

Staff Members Present:

Frank Johnson
April Burchett
Sarah King
Brian Buffo

Others Present:

Kent Neddenriep
Doug Stimpson
Ken Kanoff
Karen Hall

Board Members Absent:

None

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Michael Henningsen, Chairman

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Claims Review and Approval – The claims were reviewed by the Board and questions were answered by Frank Johnson and April Burchett. **Motion by Barbara Smallwood to approve the claims received for August, 2013 in the amount of \$42,633.48, and to approve the claims paid during August, 2013 in the amount of \$93,338.82.** Seconded by Mark Dudley. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of August 6, 2013 Regular Board Meeting – The minutes of August 6, 2013 were reviewed by the Board. **Motion by Ray Wilson to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2013 Regular Board Meeting with the corrected date noted in the motion under Item 5.** Seconded by Bob Allgeier. Motion carried unanimously.

Milton E. Bacon Jr., 1992 Trust Public Hearing for Annexation – Represented by Kent Neddenriep. Frank stated that the notice for public hearing has been published in the Record Courier, the fees paid to date, and the item is ready for public hearing. Discussion followed regarding the status of the connection of the lateral to the main. Kent and Bruce explained the difficulties with the location and number of utilities conflicting with the proposed lateral location, so connection is proceeding slowly. **Motion by Barbara Smallwood to approve the annexation by Milton E. Bacon Jr., 1992 Trust for 6.52± acres located at 1661 County Rd. (APN 1320-30-802-010).** Seconded by Ray Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce and April explained the sequence and timing of the annexation process.



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The Ranch at Gardnerville Ph. IIA & IIB As-Built Approval – Continued until October Board Meeting.

Walmart As-Built Approval – Continued until October Board Meeting.

Pineview Estates – Represented by Doug Stimpson, Ken Kanoff, and Karen Hall. Ken Kanoff and Doug Stimpson explained the current sewage system at the Pineview Estates, and the problems the current system is experiencing. Each parcel in the subdivision has a septic tank that then releases sewage to one of 6 treatment units. In 2007 the EPA fined the developer for the sewage system problems, but nobody put together a plan to remediate the problem. This year the homeowner's association received an administrative order for compliance. This is Indian-lease property, and the developer is no longer in existence. The BIA was not named in the order, and Pineview's attorney is in the process of getting the BIA added to the order. The BIA has admitted to some onus, and they said they would try to get some funding to help with EPA compliance, but the HOA hasn't heard anything further from the BIA. Mr. Stimpson has met with Harry Reid's staff, which referred them to the US Dept. of Agriculture. USDA has funds available to help them replace the system. Pineview is in the process of preparing the grant application, and they need an engineering report that outlines a plan and cost to remediate. The engineer's report recommended that they replace the system, and the cost will be approximately \$1.26 million. There is also a problem with the lease terms, and they are waiting to resolve that until the sewage problem is resolved. One of the alternatives to replacing the system is to hook into MGSD's system. They are currently several miles from the District's southernmost line. Mr Stimpson asked if the Board would consider Pineview's connection into the system, and would MGSD have the capacity to serve 200 units. Bruce noted that when the District was invited to comment on the EIS when the subdivision was proposed, the Board noted at that time, the potential impact to groundwater quality. Ruhenstroth and Corley Ranch are in the service area boundary. The Tribe has approached MGSD in the past to provide service to the Smoke Shop and other properties, so the idea of extending the line is not new. The line would have to be sized properly to allow additional property owners between Muller Parkway and Pineview to hook in, and a reimbursement system could be set up to reimburse Pineview Estates as new properties connect into the system. MGSD has the capacity to serve the subdivision, and there is also enough capacity to serve any intervening parcels. Barbara asked if the extension would all be gravity flow, and Bruce felt that probably not, but some engineering would need to be done to see if there are alternatives. Although the subdivision is outside the service area boundary, Bruce felt that the Board should look into providing service to Pineview although a Service Area Boundary adjustment would be required. Ray supports Pineview Estates doing a feasibility study. Frank and Bruce thought another possibility would be to connect it to GRGID's system. Bruce thought GRGID's lines might be undersized, but it would be worth taking a look at. Another alternative would be to connect into the lines on the tribe's property in the GRGID system. Bruce thought that might be a way to get BIA and/or Tribe cooperation. Discussion followed regarding the various fees involved in connecting the subdivision into the system, and the cost of preparing the feasibility report. Bruce though it would cost about \$50,000 in



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order to meet the federal requirements for the feasibility study. Bruce noted that there is no commitment by the District at this time, since all the HOA is asking for at this time is whether the Board would entertain the idea of treating the sewage if the feasibility study shows connecting into the MGSD system is the most feasible solution. Discussion followed regarding the deadline set by the EPA, and at this time it is unknown. USDA will inform EPA that the problem is being resolved, and that should hold off the EPA. Bruce noted that there isn't anything EPA can do other than to keep pushing this towards a solution. Mike suggested that Bruce do a letter supporting a feasibility study, but not committing MGSD to providing service. Bob asked if the minutes would serve the same purpose, and Mr. Stimpson thought it would. Bruce hopes that the County would be supportive of the sewer extension, since it would provide a main to provide service to Ruhenstroth. The Board agreed to allow Pineview Estates to consider connecting into the MGSD system if it is deemed feasible.

Engineer' Report – Bruce Scott reported on the following items:

Martin Slough: Bruce was notified by the County Engineer that in the next 3 to 4 years, there is proposed work regarding a new crossing of the Martin Slough at 395 just north of the plant. MGSD's line should be below the slough by several feet, but he will coordinate with the County when that project moves forward.

The Ranch at Gardnerville: He and Frank are working with the developer and engineer to get some issues resolved before it comes to the Board for final approval.

Pineview Estates: Bruce stated that the problems with the sewage system was predictable, the developer went around all the approval processes to take advantage of the sovereign nation status, and the BIA and Indian Health Services dropped the ball. Bruce noted that the water system is also a problem. Hopefully, they'll be able to get a very large grant between the USDA and the EPA, to make the connection into the District's system feasible. Bruce wanted to know if the Board would be comfortable with RCI being an engineer for Pineview Estates, or would they prefer that RCI step down. The Board let Bruce know that they were amenable with RCI being an engineer for the HOA. Discussion followed regarding the cost of a service area boundary adjustment and the cost of taking on lift stations. Bruce felt that District policy will need to be adhered to in regard to lift stations.

District Manager's Report – Frank Johnson reported on the following items:

EDU Allocations: 1 EDU was sold to Ned Bacon. Frank has also been working with Tractor Supply and Golden Gate Petroleum to calculate the capacity on those projects.



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Security System Grant: Frank asked if the Board wanted him to take a closer look at the application process, and the Board directed Frank to look into it. Frank explained that MGSD looked at a security system before, since footprints have been found inside the fence perimeter in the past, as well as campsites in the north wetland area. The front buildings are currently alarmed. The proposed cameras would be set outside the buildings to monitor the plant areas.

Bond Reserve Fund: Frank and Sarah noted that the State Treasurer is looking into how and if we can move the money from the Reserve Fund. Bob discussed the meeting with Richard Peters, and he felt it was a good meeting. The State needs a formal accounting statement from us in order to move forward.

County Jurisdiction Issues: The County is raising the jurisdiction issues again, starting with the roads. GRGID has called a meeting next week with the GID's. Bill has been invited, and Frank will attend.

Pineview Estates: Ray asked that Bruce make sure that all the potential development is taken into account when calculating the capacity needed, as well any additional staffing that would be required. We will need to take these items into account moving forward.

Secretary's Report – There was no secretary's report.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Board Comment –

Bonnie Burr Parcel on Gilman: Mark asked about Bonnie Burr's parcel near Waterloo and Gilman (1280 Centerville). She asked Mark to look into MGSD's involvement in it, since she thought that MGSD could do more to help them out. Frank and Bruce explained that they have spoken with the contractor 3 or 4 times regarding lateral location and annexation. They have to get an easement from the adjacent property. They will need to connect to MGSD, since they can't do a septic system due to its proximity to the river. Bruce noted that there have been numerous issues, and their budget has been stretched. Frank stated that MGSD has tried to be accommodating but we need further information from them. Bruce told them that they should have an engineer locate and design the line, but if they can get Bruce the information, Bruce will help them out and just charge them pass-through fees. Frank also sent out the TV crew to locate the existing line. Mark said she wanted to know how deep the line is. Frank stated that he will send the TV crew out with the new camera and locater in an attempt to determine the depth of the line. Bruce told the contractor how to determine the depth, and MGSD has previously provided the depth of the manhole.



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Personnel: Ray asked how the new employee is working out, and Brian stated he is working out well and is a hard-worker.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Approved _____ By _____
Date District Secretary

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