



Board of Trustees
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 1, 2025
5:00 P.M. | Board Room
Minden-Gardnerville Sanitation District
1790 Hwy. 395
Minden, Nevada

Board Members Present:

Ted Thran
Sondra Condron
Chris Shorten
Michele Wagner
Dan Griffith

Board Members Absent:

None

Staff Members Present:

Peter Baratti
Cliff Simpson
Jessica Kneefel
LaVonne Ghanavati
Haley Freeman
Bruce Scott
Bill Peterson

Staff Members Absent:

None

Others Present: Greg Reed

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Ted Thran.

2. Public Comment: There was no public comment.

3. District Manager's Report: Vice Chair Shorten asked if there was an update regarding the easement for the Muller Lane Multimodal trail. Peter reported he asked the County to adjust the alignment along the northwest portion because it impedes some of the District's infrastructure, which the County was amenable to. Bill Peterson will be working on the final verbiage before it gets brought back to the Board.

4. Chairman's Comment: There was no Chairman's Comment.

5. Claims Review and Approval: Trustee Condron asked about the acreage fee amount, LaVonne Ghanavati answered that it was a purchase from GRGID.

Motion: To approve the claims received in February, 2025 for in the amount of \$112,701.89 and the payroll-related expenses paid during in the amount of \$162,149.15.

Made by: Chris Shorten

Seconded by: Sondra Condron

Vote: Motion carried.

Ayes: Thran, Condron, Wagner, Shorten, Griffith

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None



6. Minutes of March 4th, 2025 Regular Board Meeting: There were no comments or discussion regarding the minutes.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the March 4th, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

Made by: Sondra Condrón

Seconded by: Chris Shorten

Vote: Motion carried.

Ayes: Thran, Condrón, Shorten, Griffith

Nays: None

Abstain: Wagner

Absent: None

7. Semi-Truck Purchase: Peter reported that he tried to get a dump truck from the Reno Peterbilt location but they didn't have one available that had a bed, which the District needs specifically for the belt press. The bed also needed to have specific dimensions in order to fit into the building.

Trustee Shorten asked if the District would sell the current dump truck. Peter said he wasn't sure yet, and that it would be a good idea to keep the truck as a backup. However, it was purchased in the 1990's and the District has already reinvested thousands of dollars into its repairs and maintenance.

Trustee Condrón asked if the new dump truck had been delivered. Peter answered it likely won't be delivered until July, and it had to be purchased before the new tariffs took effect, which saved the District approximately \$20,000. Trustee Griffith commented that he owns a trucking company and the District got a great deal on the new dump truck.

Motion: To accept the purchase of the Peterbilt dump truck in the amount of \$231,969.00. Any additional fees to be brought back to the Board for approval.

Made by: Daniel Griffith

Seconded by: Sondra Condrón

Vote: Motion carried.

Ayes: Thran, Condrón, Shorten, Griffith, Wagner

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

8. Gardnerville Ranchos GID Agreement: Peter reported to the Board that Greg had brought this idea to him at the beginning of the year in an informal discussion, which is what led to the letter he received. Peter agreed it would be a good idea to revisit the agreement and that it would be beneficial to streamline the billing process for both MGSD and GRGID. Peter mentioned he didn't agree with the formation of a committee for renegotiations, and instead would like all MGSD Board members informed on those discussions. Trustee Condrón expressed concern about opening discussions to the agreement since it has been in effect for so long.



Bill Peterson said he has deep roots within the agreement and agreed that it is complex and should be updated. He said the last time the Board revisited the agreement was during arbitration over the CoGen system. This was mediated by Judge Gamble, who also recommended the Board simplify it, but the Board disagreed at the time.

Chairman Thran recommended multiple workshops regarding the agreement so that the Board fully understands the billing process, and he would also like the possibility of bringing back Catherine from Hansford Economic Services to create a methodology and structure of new rates that MGSD could present to GRGID.

Greg Reed commented that he believes there's an opportunity with current management, staff, and Trustees to make the billing easier. He stated the intent was not to decrease GRGID's fees to MGSD, but to simplify the billing process.

The Board agreed that they would like to schedule the first workshop at the May 6th Regular Board Meeting.

9. Attorney-Client Conference: Bill Peterson reported the Muller Lane easement was too one-sided in the County's favor so he will be revising it for renegotiations.

10. Engineer's Report: Bruce Scott reported that they had a pre-construction services agreement for the CMAR contract which is the design and details of the construction. The next contract will be the Contract of Construction, which will include a not-to-exceed number for the cost.

11. Administrative Report by Staff: Peter reported that the new Board members have been added as authorized signers on the Wells Fargo account.

12. Board Comment: There was no board comment.

13. Public Comment: There was no public comment.

14. Meeting adjourned 7:07 p.m.

Approved by the Board of Trustees as presented on:

5/6/2025

Date

By Haley Freeman
Haley Freeman, District Secretary