



**Board of Trustees
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 6, 2026**

5:00 P.M. | Board Room
Minden-Gardnerville Sanitation District
1790 Hwy. 395
Minden, Nevada

Board Members Present:

Ted Thran
Daniel Griffith
Chris Shorten
Michele Wagner

Board Members Absent:

Sondra Condron

Staff Members Present:

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

Staff Members Absent:

Erik Novak

Others Present: Greg Reed, Dorian Faught, Sukh Toor

1. Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Ted Thran.

2. Public Comment: Sukh Toor thanked the Board and MGSD staff for the help in opening up his business.

3. Election of Board Officers: Chairman Thran suggested that the board remain in their current positions. The board agreed.

Motion: To approve that board members retain their current positions.

Made by: Chris Shorten
Seconded by: Dan Griffith

Vote: Motion carried.

Ayes: Thran, Wagner, Shorten, Griffith
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Condron

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

5. District Manager's Report: Trustee asked about the Belt Press PLC and how it relates to the previous Belt Press Replacement. Mr. Baratti explained that an electrical component of the Belt Press is failing and MGSD staff are currently exploring different options to rectify the issue.



6. Claims Review and Approval: Vice Chair Shorten asked about the purchase of material for odor control and how the process of replacing the material works. Trustee Griffith asked the frequency of contribution to the retirement fund for the employees. Staff explained that contributions are made bi-weekly.

Motion: To approve the claims received in November 2025 in the amount of \$99,014.25 and the payroll-related expenses paid during November 2025 in the amount of \$130,013.86.

Made by: Chris Shorten
Seconded by: Michele Wagner

Vote: Motion carried.

Ayes: Thran, Wagner, Shorten, Griffith
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Condron

7. Minutes of December 2, 2025 Regular Board Meeting: There were no comments or discussion regarding the minutes.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the December 2nd, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

Made by: Dan Griffith
Seconded by: Chris Shorten

Vote: Motion carried.

Ayes: Thran, Shorten, Wagner
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Condron

8. Dorian Faught Annexation: Bruce Scott recommended that the Board approve the annexation with a noted correction in the RCI approval letter.

Motion: Motion to approve the Petition for Annexation from Dorian Faught for 5.26 acres located on Hwy 395 in Minden, APN 1320-32-101-002 & 1320-32-101-010. All rules, regulations and requirements of MGSD are to be met and all fees paid.

Made by: Michele Wagner
Seconded by: Dan Griffith

Vote: Motion carried.

Ayes: Thran, Wagner, Shorten, Griffith
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Condron



9. Digester #1 Cleaning: An updated agreement from Senesac was presented to the Board. Peter explained that staff will dewater Digester #1 as well as conduct other maintenance before Senesac comes in to do the official cleaning. He also discussed that this could be included with the concrete rehab project which will ultimately reduce the total cost of the projects. He further discusses the timeline and cost of the project along with other rehabilitation and/or construction that may need to occur in the future. Mr. Scott mentioned that keeping a regular maintenance schedule will prolong the life of many of these buildings and processes which saves the District money in the long run.

Peter explained that this project would be put under the maintenance budget, but the Board will need to make a resolution at the next board meeting to officially augment the budget to accommodate this expenditure.

Motion: Motion to continue item Digester #1 Cleaning to the February Board meeting

Made by: Christ Shorten

Seconded by: Michele Wagner

Vote: Motion carried.

Ayes: Thran, Wagner, Shorten, Griffith

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Condron

10. Attorney-Client Conference: Bill Peterson reported that discussions with Douglas County are ongoing regarding the easement along the proposed Multimodal Trail. He stated that the agreement will not be brought forward until both parties have agreed to all terms.

Mr. Peterson also explored the possibility of amending the Bentley Agreement to maintain the same acreage for water reuse, include partial payment of the utility bill, and ensure protection of the Carson River water rights. Bentley has expressed interest in developing the current water reuse area, so Bruce and Bill suggested that Bentley trade an equivalent amount of land to preserve a designated reuse area.

Additionally, both agreed that once the provision allowing Bentley to avoid paying for MGSD effluent expires, Bentley should begin contributing toward the electricity costs associated with pumping effluent to their reservoir. Bruce suggested that this contribution could increase gradually over time. He also emphasized the importance of retaining the Carson River water rights with the land to prevent dilution of MGSD effluent should future discharge to the river be necessary, thereby avoiding potential concerns with NDEP.

Bruce Scott further explained the history of the Bentley Agreement and assured the Board that this amendment would be to the benefit of both MGSD and Bentley.

Peter also mentioned that Bentley recently made a repair of a section ductile iron pipe, on their side, that showed degradation, but he had concerns about other sections of the pipe also having degradation and proposes that MGSD enters into talks with Bentley about conducting an analysis of pipe condition and staying ahead of the rehabilitation of the section of pipe. Bruce recommended that MGSD talk with Q&D, who has done previous sewer main rehab, and see if they rehab the section of water pipe.



11. Engineer's Report: Bruce Scott notified the Board that he will not be at the February meeting. He reported that the CMAR design work is moving forward and the next step is to get together with Q&D to discuss the scope of the details for construction. This will lead to a not-to-exceed contract which will come back to the board to review.

12. Administrative Report by Staff: There were no comments or discussion regarding the Administrative Report.

13. Board Comment: There was no Board comment.

14. Public Comment: There was no public comment.

15. Meeting adjourned 6:09 p.m.

Approved by the Board of Trustees as presented on:

2/3/2026
Date

By *Halley Freeman*
Halley Freeman, District Secretary