

The Regular Meeting for the McGill-Ruth Consolidated Sewer & Water GID was held January 20, 2026 at the McGill Ruth Sewer & Water GID Office, 29 Fourth Street, McGill Nevada.

Present: Chairman, Rob Cummings
Vice Chair, Elaine Blackham
Member, Steve Winton
Member, Joni Drahos
Member, Leonard Mathews

Also Present: Amy Garcia, Office Manager
Kurt Carson, Maintenance Supervisor
Jim Pierce, Maintenance Tech
Dean Day, Day Engineering

Chair Cummings called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment
None

New Business

Maintenance Report

**Water Supply*

Mr. Carson said the sanitary survey is scheduled for tomorrow. I have completed all my CEU's for both my water and wastewater license. White Pine County Road Department will slurry seal Ruth this upcoming year, and some of our manholes are low from them overlaying all the time. I don't see two guys raising a pothole, so Reck Bros will be there this Spring to do two intersections. We can work with Steve [Winton] to see the lower utilities we have.

Member Winton said there are three or four that are down a couple inches from pavement to man cover.

Member Blackham asked if this would be the responsibility of the Road Department. Mr. Carson said they will not do anything about it.

Mr. Day said there was an overlay project years ago, and we got the RTC to hire a crew to do nothing but raise lids.

**Sewer Ponds*
No Report

**Safety and Health*
No Report

Discussion only/updates*McGill Sewer Pond Reline Phase II*

Mr. Day reported Terry Reck has been in contact with Air Quality [NDEP] and he's looking to buy a new scrubber for his asphalt plant. This should solve the problem, and get NDEP to back off and realize our job has nothing to do with paving.

Mrs. Garcia said the large reason for this push is because USDA would like the District to either re-bid or see movement. Costs are going up; so, the lenders are putting some pressure to get the job moving.

Mr. Day said Andrew Tucker [NDEP] wants more information; maybe we will get a break there.

Mrs. Garcia said if we have to re-bid, we only received the two bids, and only one of them was within our budget. If this doesn't get moving, I believe USDA will put the pressure on to re-bid this project.

McGill Well Rehab

Mr. Day said we sent the contracts out to Gibson; I have not seen them come back yet. We have sent the wage comparison worksheets and the AIS [American Iron Steel] worksheet.

Financial Report**BUDGET**

\$15,000 is allowed in this year's budget for miscellaneous indoor improvements to 1 Fourth Street. We have been talking to White Pine Glass, and Mr. Jason Jongeward (licensed contractor new to area) about the repairs needed to the building. \$15,000 will not be enough for either contractor to do the requested work so we will need to either amend the budget, or hold off until July 1, determining work to be done.

- White Pine Glass; replacement of doors, large street facing window, and two upstairs windows; \$43k
- Jongeward Construction; interior. Met with Mr. Jongeward along with JW Electric this morning. Mr. Jongeward is preparing a quote to do all framing for now, so JW can come in and do the office electrical. After walking the building, and time frame, it will be best to do the job in phases working alongside JW and O'Flaherty with the District coordinating the work.

42% of the fiscal year has lapsed, and we are at 45% water revenue, and about 38% expenses. Everything seems to be where it needs to be with a watch kept on operating supplies and permits.

Next month begins the budget process for FY 2027. Considerations, and discussion regarding expenses, grants, and work to be done July 1 to be considered and brought forth over the next few months; tentative budget due April 15.

BILLS

Prior Month: **\$89,121.20** Current Month: **\$84,940.64**

BUDGET AMENDMENTS FY26

- Operating Supplies and Permits; \$15,000 to \$26,000; August 18, 2025

RESERVE USE AND TRANSFERS FY 26

- *7,000 to Day Engineering; McGill Well Rehab
- \$51,499 Cut in Valves (Ruth)

QUARTERLY WATER/SEWER RESERVE TRANSFER

Quarterly Reserve Deposit for quarter ending **December 31, 2025**

RESERVE	OCT	NOV	DEC	(LESS)	RESERVE DEPOSIT
MCRWRA 0108	\$1,290.64	\$1,286.05	\$1,227.34	-\$7,500.00	\$3,695.97
MCRSRA 0109	\$233.01	\$235.33	\$244.78	-\$7,500.00	\$6,786.88
Total Reserve Deposit					\$10,482.85

FY26 OUTLAY PROJECTS

- Cut in Valves- \$65,000 (Actual \$51,499)
- McGill Well Pump Replacement-\$216,000 (Actual 215,058.00)
- Phase II McGill Sewer Pond Reline-\$2,862,680 (Actual 1,947,645.00 Const/\$235,640.00 Engineering, Total 2,183,285.00)
- 1 Fourth Street, Indoor Improvements-\$15,000 (possible indoor wall framing)
- ~~1 Fourth Street, Electrical Upgrades-\$35,000 (Actual \$17,866.03)~~
- ~~Annual Skid Steer Installment \$20,000~~

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS OR OTHER ITEMS

- Agenda possible budget amendment for work to be done on 1 Fourth Street, before July 1 that exceeds \$15,000
- Determine future outlay for 1 Fourth Street; creation of timeline and expectations moving forward

Discussion/for possible action/selection of Chairman for McGill Ruth Consolidated Sewer and Water GID Board

Vice Chair Blackham motioned to retain, and select Robert Cummings as Chairman of McGill Ruth Sewer and Water GID Board with Member Mathews seconding. Motion passed.

Discussion/for possible action/selection of Vice Chairman for McGill Ruth Consolidated

Sewer and Water GID Board

Member Mathews motioned to select, and retain Elaine Blackham as Vice Chair of McGill Ruth Consolidated Sewer and Water GID Board with Member Winton seconding. Motion passed.

Discussion/for possible action/possible approval or disapproval of new monitor and computer purchase for office; BCT build and install

Vice Chair Blackham motioned to approve the purchase of new computer and monitor for the office with Member Drahos seconding. Motion passed.

Discussion/for possible action/possible approval or disapproval of leak adjustment request Adeline Mike; 54 Sunshine Street, Ruth Nevada; leak June through August 2025

Mrs. Garcia said this leak occurred last June. There was a report that cows trampled the yard, damaging the line. The owners don't live there, but they found out about it. The owner reached out to Chris Collis to pay this. Mr. Collis came into the office with the bill and supporting material asking us about it. I explained I had sent the leak adjustment form out months ago, and never got it back. Instead of turning it in to us, they sent it to Mr. Collis. Our policy states:

Leak Adjustments for Water and Sewer

June 2015 [Revised October 2024]

Water and/or sewer charges (Commercial) may be eligible for adjustment when a leak is found on the customer's side of the meter

A leak adjustment is a financial adjustment to water and/or waste water (sewer) usage charges on a customer's bill caused by a leak on the customer's side of the meter or an exceptional unexplained increase in consumption that a licensed plumber and/or McGill Ruth Sewer & Water District Maintenance staff has validated.

Leak adjustments will cover no more than two (2) consecutive months. Only one (1) financial adjustment associated to billed usage will be allowed every five (5) years per premise.

Guidelines

A leak adjustment may be granted when ALL of the following conditions are present:

- *Customer notifies McGill Ruth Sewer & Water District of an excessive utility bill that may be related to a leak*
- *Water consumption exceeds the customer's average monthly usage or twice the average monthly usage over the previous 12-month period (dependent upon the type of leak)*
- *Leak occurred on the customer's side of the meter*
- *Plumber's receipt or other proof confirms the leak was repaired*

No adjustments will be granted where any of the following situations exist:

- *Usage above the customer's average monthly consumption is due to seasonal usage such as watering of sod, gardening, filling swimming pools or whirlpools, washing vehicles, etc.*
- *When leak continues for three (3) or more months, there will be no adjustment for the third or subsequent months.*
- *The meter at said property has been accessed, tampered with, or turned on/off by anyone other than a McGill Ruth Sewer & Water District maintenance employee and that action results in loss of water.*
- *A leak adjustment was issued within the past five (5) years for the same premise.*

Request a Leak Adjustment

Requests for water leak adjustments must be accompanied by a plumber's receipt or other proof of repair.

After all documentation has been received by the Manager, a determination will be made if the leak is adjustable or not.

*While a leak adjustment request is being determined, the customer is responsible for payment of the **entire amount due** on their utility bills within the normal payment period; or the customer should request to enter into an agreed-upon payment arrangement. If this does not occur, the customer is subject to all current and applicable collection activities and termination of service processes for delinquent accounts.*

Mrs. Garcia said this was due to an external [cows] problem, and the owner is doing the right thing asking Mr. Collis to cover it. Due to the amount of the water write off (1k+), and time that has gone by, I am leaving this up to the board for approval. The owner never turned in our form; Mr. Collis did. Mr. Collis came into the office with all the documentation from the owner including her bill, her leak adjustment request, along with receipt from O'Flaherty for the repair.

Vice Chair Blackham suggested the owner contact Pete Mangum to see if anything can be done. We are not responsible for Mr. Collis cows.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the board, the District was not responsible for the write off.

Member Mathews motioned to disapprove the leak adjustment request with Member Drahos seconding. Motion passed.

Correspondence Discussion

January 2026

- 1) Letter from NDEP; Clean Water SRF CW2510 unable to reimburse expenses incurred by McGill Ruth for work done by Reck Bros (email)
- 2) Affidavit of Mailing/Lien Letters (email)
 - Roy Reyes, 2 Avenue E, McGill NV
 - Wanda Bishop, 16 Avenue B, McGill NV
 - Luis Rivera, 17 Second St., McGill NV
 - Trent Howes, 17 Keystone St., Ruth NV

*Account Adjustments 12/15/2025 to 01/12/2026 (email)

*Financial Statement/Balance Sheet

*Check Register

*Financial Report

*Shut off notices (email)

*Rate Table Summary (email)

*Bank Reconciliation (email)

*Payroll Register(s) December 25, 2025 and January 8, 2026(Email)

*Regular Meeting Minutes; December 15, 2025

Discussion/for possible action/possible approval or disapproval of the Regular Meeting minutes of December 15, 2025

Member Winton motioned to approve the minutes with Vice Chair Blackham seconding. Motion passed.

Discussion/For Possible Action/possible approval or disapproval of checks 14832 through 14851 in the amount of \$33,528.97; payroll checks 2576 through 2595 in the amount of \$42,942.70 for the period of December 9, 2025 through January 12, 2025.

***Invoice Cloud-\$586.30**

***Mt. Wheeler Power-\$4252.76**

***IRS-\$3372.48**

***AT&T- 137.43**

***Starlink-\$120.00**

Total Accounts Payable \$84,940.64

Member Mathews motioned to approve the bills with Member Drahos seconding. Motion passed.

Public Comment

None

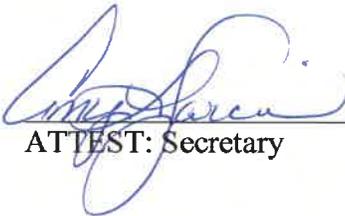
Recommendations for Items for Future Agendas

The next meeting will be February 17, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.

- Possible Action/augment of capital outlay project budget; Buildings 1 Fourth Street Indoor Improvements

Adjournment

Being no further business, Chairman Cummings adjourned the regular meeting at 3:06 p.m.



ATTEST: Secretary



Chairman, McGill Ruth Consolidated Sewer & Water GID