

The Regular Meeting for the McGill-Ruth Consolidated Sewer & Water GID was held December 15, 2025 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

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 reported the State called regarding the sanitary survey for Ruth; the State will be here soon to complete this survey. They do the survey every 3 years; they are a little late doing it. I got my first violation on sampling for the Ruth well. I had done the coc's and asked for the same sampling procedure. The State has done uranium and split it up into three different categories now; I put the bulk of what they asked for in the report and I was not detailed enough asking for all three uranium. I will need to post the violation in the upcoming CCR; and moving forward I will know what to sample.

Mr. Carson reported on the sanitary survey; the State will come down and go through the books, make sure reports are done along with checking out the field. It will take about 3-4 hours.

Mr. Carson said NDEP asked I come up with a timeline for taking over NRC3 well in Ruth. The mine hasn't handed it off to us yet; they had some trouble with their sampling. I am not in a hurry; it will be expensive to sample all next year. NRC2 has been running well at 110 gpm.

**Sewer Ponds*

Mr. Carson said we are waiting for the O&M Manual for Ruth; Dean said it will be a week or two.

**Safety and Health*

Mr. Carson said Jim Pierce, maintenance, will be going for shoulder surgery in January. He will

be out about 6 weeks. When we are one guy down, we are short and it's hard to round up people. We need to possibly consider an interlocal for emergencies. If the board has any suggestions, I would be happy to hear them.

Vice Chair Blackham said I would check and see availability because when you need that extra person, you can't wait two weeks.

Mr. Carson would look into some local contractors for possible assistance in the future; a possible retainer.

Discussion only/updates

McGill Sewer Pond Reline Phase II

Mr. Carson said we have not awarded either of these jobs yet; the State contacted Dean saying the subcontractor for the liner of the ponds does not have a big enough bond capacity to do this job.

McGill Well Rehab

Mr. Carson reported the well driller does not have a their sam.gov registration. There was concern with no engineer present; questions needing answered regarding the status of these jobs.

Chair Cummings said we need to write a letter to the engineer; we need some answers.

Mrs. Garcia would write a letter to the engineer requesting answers with board signature.

Financial Report

Mrs. Garcia reported:

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 a 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; \$
- Jongeward Construction; interior. No quote yet as JW Electric is still doing the lighting to the bank. We hope to have lighting done, then get Mr. Jongeward in to give a quote.

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: **\$32,006.44** Current Month: **\$89,121.20**

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)

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 window/door replacement, if approved by board)
- ~~1 Fourth Street, Electrical Upgrades \$35,000~~ (**Actual \$17,866.03**)
- ~~Annual Skid Steer Installment \$20,000~~

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS OR OTHER ITEMS

- USDA will not be a good candidate for grant funds for the ADA access to the bank building. I recommend hanging onto the State project letter, along with an ADA checkoff from our local building inspector, and see where this leads us.
- Reminder; board emails have been set up. Let me know if you need assistance accessing your account.

**Discussion/for possible action/possible approval or disapproval to have property at 29
Fourth Street; APN 004-054-06 and 31 Fourth Street; APN 004-054-25; appraised**

Mrs. Garcia said the parking lot and the office were never combined, and it should be sold together. There has been interest in the property by the current appraiser.

Chairman Cummings and other board members agreed the properties should be combined.

Mrs. Garcia said we have had discussion regarding a contractor interested in the office property, possibly trading services for cash to conserve cash flows when remodeling the bank building.

Vice Chair Blackham suggested asking the appraiser if it would be a conflict.

Vice Chair Blackham motioned to table the appraisal until there was more precise information regarding the appraiser and costs. Member Mathews seconded the motion; motion passed.

Correspondence Discussion**December 2025**

- 1) Letter from USDA; Concurrence with bid McGill Ruth Sewer Pond Relining (email)

*Account Adjustments 11/17/2025 to 12/14/25 (email)
*Financial Statement/Balance Sheet
*Check Register
*Financial Report
*Shut off notices (email)
*Rate Table Summary (email)
*Bank Reconciliation (email)
*Payroll Register(s) November 27, 2025, and December 11, 2025 (Email)
*Regular Meeting Minutes; November 17, 2025

Discussion/for possible action/possible approval or disapproval of the Regular Meeting minutes of November 17, 2025

Member Winton motioned to approve the minutes with Member Drahos seconding. Motion passed.

Discussion/For Possible Action/possible approval or disapproval of checks 14772 through 14801 in the amount of \$76,861.19; payroll checks 2529 through 2819 in the amount of \$34,707.08 for the period of September 5, 2025 through October 15, 2025.

***Invoice Cloud-\$609.60**
***Elan VISA-\$1,340.39**
***Mt. Wheeler Power-\$6,233.51**
***IRS-\$2,731.60**
***AT&T-137.37**
***Starlink-\$120.00**

Total Accounts Payable \$122,740.74

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

Public Comment

None

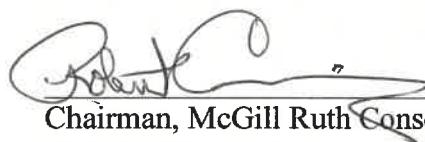
Recommendations for Items for Future Agendas

The next meeting will be January 20, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.

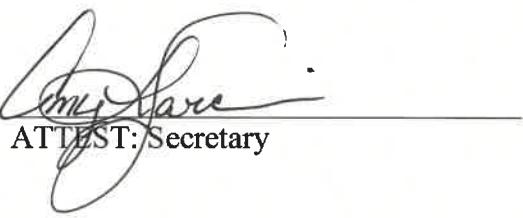
- Possible Action/approval and selection of Chairman and Vice Chairman of McGill Ruth Sewer & Water District Board

Adjournment

Being no further business, Chairman Cummings adjourned the regular meeting at 3:12 p.m.



Chairman, McGill Ruth Consolidated Sewer & Water GID

 ATTEST: Secretary