

Kootenai County
Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Protection District
Policy and Budget Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 22, 2020
4:00 p.m.
451 N. Government Way
Administration Building, 3rd Floor Boardroom Virtual Meeting

Committee Members Present: Necia Maiani, BiJay Adams, Jim Hudson, Kristi Johnson, Bob Haynes, Michelle Johnson, Mary Vehr, Larry Simms and Alyssa Gersdorf.

Committee Members Excused: Laurin Scarcello, Chris De Groot was excused

Also present were: Panhandle Health (PHD) Environmental Health Specialist Jenny Gray, Idaho Department Environmental Quality (DEQ) Hydrologist Seth Oliver, Marie Schmidt with Kootenai Environmental Alliance (KEA), Robert Witherow, Rebecca Stevens with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Jim Ekins and Adrienne Cronbaugh with the Kootenai Environmental Alliance (KEA), BOCC Communications Manager Nancy Jones, and Recording Secretary Chandra Newberry.

A. Call Meeting to Order:

At 4:00 p.m., Committee Chair Necia Maiani called the meeting to order.

B. Approval of Minutes:

Larry moved to wait to approve the minutes until next meeting to be able to make changes. Kristy seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

C. Treasurer's Report/Expenditure Approval

No invoices were up for approval

D. Chairman's Comments and Introductions:

Marie Schmidt, Adrienne Cronebaugh, Jim Ekins, Rebecca Stevens, and Robert Witherow were all introduced as guests.

E. Business:

Presentation by KEA for Confluence Project

Marie Schmidt gave a presentation on the proposed budget for Kootenai Environmental Alliance (KEA) for the Confluence Project. \$15,000 was requested for this fiscal year's budget.

Review Funding Requests

The only requests the committee is waiting for the presentation is the Fairgrounds and Our Gem. The committee was advised that Our Gem is now through U of I.

Conservation Easements Consultant Update/Contract

BiJay stated he reached out to Rand Wichman. He sent Rand all the work that had been discussed with Mike Galante, as well as a similar contract to the one Mike had so he was able to get familiar with it. Bijay advised the committee that he is just waiting for his reply back about his comments and any changes he may have.

F. APD Member Comments / Subcommittee Comments:

Necia confirmed that Chris De Groot is retiring, and she has spoken to his replacement. She stated that his replacement is interested, but would not come on until next year if approved.

G. Cooperating Agency Comments:

There were no cooperating agency comments

H. Adjournment

Larry moved to adjourn the meeting. Mary seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Newberry, Recording Secretary