

**Kootenai County**  
**Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Protection District**  
**Policy and Budget Committee**  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 23, 2019  
4:00 p.m.

451 N. Government Way  
Administration Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Boardroom

**Committee Members Present:** Necia Maiani, Michelle Johnson, Chris de Groot, Mary Vehr, Laurin Scarcello, BiJay Adams, and Kristy Johnston.

Also present were Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Hydrogeologist Gary Stevens, Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative Representative Daniel Sturgis, –Guest Speakers Jim Kimball and Geoff Jans, Erik Ketner with Panhandle Health District (PHD), Commissioner Leslie Duncan, and Recording Secretary Cheryl Broadway.

**Committee Members Absent:** Jim Hudson and Bob Haynes

**A. Call Meeting to Order:**

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

**B. Pledge of Allegiance:** Mary Vehr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. Approval of Minutes:** Mary moved to approve the December 5, 2018 minutes, and Michelle Johnson seconded. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

**D. Chairman's Comments and Introductions:**

**E. Business:**

**1. Dalton Garden Presentation by Jim Kimball:**

Kimball Engineering Research Engineer Jim Kimball addressed the group regarding the Dalton Gardens Sewage Management Agreement (SMA), including sharing concerns about septic systems in Dalton Gardens, including a discussion of allowing installation of septic systems with leach/drain fields versus installing a sewer system, and how this would affect the aquifer below Dalton Gardens. Kristy Johnson shared her concerns, including that wells to the west of Dalton Gardens may be testing higher in nitrates & phosphates due to the geography of the area. The group discussed the possibility of recommending a nutrient pathogen analysis report to the County Board of Commissioners, how to fund an analysis, and the goals and outcomes of such an analysis. Erik Ketner said that he was not prepared to speak at length at this meeting, but assured the group that Panhandle Health District (PHD) and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) have good collaboration and that the SMAs in place with multiple cities have been very successful.

Necia requested the Committee assemble questions and for this subject to be added to next meeting's agenda in order to follow up and get additional information from PHD and DEQ.

## **2. Review & Follow Up of 2018 – 2019 APD Budget Items:**

**a. Panhandle Health District Update** - Erik shared that mapping data points were gathered, but the Kootenai County website went down and County GIS Coordinator Dave Christensen discontinued coordination on this project. To continue this project, Erik suggested these options:

- Option #1: Use the Kootenai County GPS interface, if possible; or
- Option #2: Use existing funding to purchase GPS software and do mapping in-house at PHD

Kristy moved to approve Option #2, and Laurin Scarcello seconded. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

**b. Hayden Well** – The status of the Memorandum Of Understanding between Kootenai County and the Idaho Department of Water Resources is unclear at this time. Necia will ask Nancy for an update. Daniel will need to gain access to land from School District for work to be done in Summer months.

**c. Budget Status & Follow Up** - No budget update – tabled until next meeting. Kristy provided the FY19-20 Spokane River Forum invoice for payment, noting that it is a budgeted expense.

## **3. FY19 – FY20 Subcommittee Assignments:**

**a. Work Elements –**

Michelle Johnson  
Mary Vehr  
BiJay Adams – Subcommittee Chair

**b. Budget –**

Necia Maiani – Subcommittee Chair  
Michelle Johnson  
Chris de Groot

**c. Education & Outreach**

Kristy Reed Johnson – Subcommittee Chair  
Laurin Scarcello

**Note:** Jim Hudson and Bob Haynes absent – to be added at next meeting.

## **4. FY19 – 20 Budget Process & Planning:**

Necia said that she would work on updating the excel spreadsheet so the committee could start FY20 budget planning at the next meeting.

Specific funding requests discussed –

- Confluence Project
- Outdoor Classroom
- Water Center (may request funding)
- Spokane River Forum
- Twin Lakes (may request funding)
- Soil conservation may request \$1500
- IWAC

#### **F. APD Member Comments:**

**Laurin** – Still working on setting up a Growers Meeting for the Soil Conservation District; saw a delay due to some complications related to the hiring of a new District Director.

**Kristy** - She will bring “Drippy the Water Drop” lesson cards to the next meeting and shared that she will be at the CDA Business Fair on February 19.

**Necia** – She is not sure about the easement project status. Laurin stated he would help but was hoping that Mike would continue to assist. He offered to contact Mike and report back.

Necia noted that there were still two open board positions – Private Water Representative and Municipal Water Representative. Necia has reached out to CDA and Post Falls. A representative from Post Falls is considering applying.

#### **Cooperating Agency Comments:**

**Gary Stevens (DEQ)** – Shared that Alyssa had left DEQ. He shared that he will serve as the APD liaison until a replacement is found.

**Daniel Sturgis (IDWR)** – Daniel shared that he would like to monitor more wells near peripheral lakes (Hayden, Hauser, etc.) for a groundwater flow study. He asked if anyone knew any well owners that might be willing to help to please let him know.

**Adjournment:** Chris moved to adjourn the meeting and Laurin seconded the motion. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cheryl Broadway - Recording Secretary