

Kootenai County
Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Protection District
Policy and Budget Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 24, 2018
4:00 p.m.

451 N. Government Way
Administration Building, 3rd Floor Boardroom

Committee Members Present: Leslie Duncan, Mike Galante, BiJay Adams, Mary Vehr, Necia Maiani, Bob Haynes, Kristy Reed-Johnson, Michelle Johnson, Laurin Scarcello, and Dion Holton.

Jim Hudson was absent.

Also present were Panhandle Health District Representative Erik Ketner, Department of Environmental Quality Hydrogeologist Alyssa Gersdorf, Idaho Department of Water Resources Hydrogeologist Daniel Sturgis, and Recording Secretary Tammie Peacock.

At 4:03 p.m., Committee Chair Leslie Duncan called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: Laurin Scarcello led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the January 10, 2018 minutes, with corrections, was made by BiJay Adams and seconded by Dion Holton. The vote was taken. The motion carried.

Chairman's Comments and Introductions: Committee Chair Leslie Duncan welcomed the group and introduced Spokane Aquifer Joint Board (SAJB) President Jeremy Jenkins and Idaho Washington Collaborative (IWAC) President Dan Kegley.

Business Items

1. Review 2017-18 Budget Items and Status

No budget requests had come in. Hearing that, Mike Galante indicated that he will speak to Jim Eakins at the University of Idaho and BiJay Adams will reach out to Jenna at the U.S. Bureau

Kristy Reed-Johnson said that she would likely need the same amount as last year. She added that she has the Coeur d'Alene and Post Falls Business Fairs coming up. Leslie asked that she please submit a calendar of her APD projects.

2. Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative Video

Dan Kegley told the group that IWAC had contracted with KSPS Television to do a video about the Spokane Valley Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer. Jeremy Jenkins introduced the 10.5-minute video for the group to watch. After viewing it, a conversation ensued and some

ideas were shared. Dan and Jeremy said that they had also done four 30 second commercial spots with KSPS. They said that they are fun and attention getting, and that they are going to do another video. Dan also said that discussions about the aquifer need to happen now. They added that education is the key and they are hoping to introduce the video into schools and movie theatres. Daniel Sturgis spoke on the importance of aquifer education and said that new residents in the area do not know anything about it. Jeremy will send the link to the video.

3. Spokane Aquifer Joint Board Presentation

Jeremy said that the SAJB is a group of 22 water purveyors that serve about 500,000 people. They also sponsor studies and provide a discussion forum. They handle a wellhead protection fund as well. Jeremy added that he attends 50-60 events per year and last year talked to almost 1500 students. He indicated that the kids all get an Aquifer in a cup, a map, and some other things. He is planning to add a workshop for home schooled students also. Necia asked Jeremy about the Aqua Duck mascot and was told that it was created with youth in mind.

4. Aquifer Logo Discussion

Mary asked where the aquifer logo discussion ended. She recalled it being left open. Leslie enquired from Alyssa about the three logo options that had previously been discussed and Alyssa explained that they had been tabled due to no decision. BiJay suggested that they use the old logo but modernize it a bit. After a brief discussion, the aquifer logo was once again tabled. Alyssa will look into t-shirt designs and Necia suggested that maybe kids could submit designs for the t-shirts. The t-shirts would be given to race participants.

5. 2018 Subcommittees

Laurin has decided to continue to serve on the Education and Outreach Subcommittee for 2018.

APD Member Comments

Laurin told the group that he was going to take a proactive rather than a reactive approach with the sump pump issue. He is planning to ask for a meeting with the Board of County Commissioners and the Flood Control District. He said that he was “doing the states dirty work.” BiJay questioned whether there should be a land acquisition. He indicated that he had talked with Commissioner Eberlein about the sump issue and the Commissioner said “should we buy some land?” BiJay wondered if there was a large reserve for acquisition. Leslie pointed out that the BOCC said “only if the land is free or cheap.” Mike added that Mrs. Greenfield called him and that they had a great conversation.

Cooperating Agency Comments (PHD, DEQ, IDWR, etc.)

Leslie asked for bills from the agencies and Erik Ketner, Panhandle Health District's Environmental Health Section Manager, reported that PHD's CFO, Jim Fenton suddenly passed away. He said that he will get a bill to the APD as soon as he can.

Mary asked if the Department of Environmental Quality had an updated water sample and Erik indicated that he has one with the latest water quality results. Leslie asked that that be an agenda item for the next APD meeting.

Next meeting will tentatively be held on February 14, 2018 TBD

CDA Business Fair at the CDA Resort is February 20, 2018

Adjournment: BiJay made the motion to adjourn. Mary seconded it. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammie Peacock
Recording Secretary

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