

**Kootenai County
Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Protection District
Policy and Budget Committee**

Discussion Minutes
Wednesday February 8, 2023
4:00 p.m.

451 N. Government Way
Administration Building, First Floor, Meeting Rooms 1A/B

Committee Members Present: Bob Haynes, BiJay Adams, Larry Simms, Necia Maiani, Kristy Reed-Johnson, Mary Vehr, Alyssa Gersdorf, Suzanne Scheidt, Laurin Scarcello,

Committee Members Excused: Michelle Johnson, Dominic Parmantier

Committee Members Absent:

Also present were: Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Hydrologist Seth Oliver, Panhandle Health District Specialist Jenny Gray, Alta representative Kyle Duckett (via phone), WSP Environmental Consulting representative Jonathan Counts and Recording Secretary Julie Kamps.

A. Call to Order:

Discussion began at 4:01 pm.

B. Introductions / Guest Welcome

C. Approval of Minutes:

Because of improper noticing of meeting agenda dated 2-8-23, no previous meeting minutes were approved, and no action taken during this discussion.

D. Discussion:

1. 2023 Goals and Committee Assignments

Budget Committee:

Mr. Parmantier will provide this information at the next meeting. Ms. Maiani mentioned that the board should discuss what kind of receipts/items would be accepted from entities receiving funding by the APD, (as part of their funded projects). Also brought up was how things might be worded to the funding recipients so they fully understand what will be reimbursed. If the county already has a list of these types of requirements, the APD could

adopt it. APD could ask the county Resource Management Office how restrictive the APD board should be concerning receipts turned in.

Work Program Elements:

No funding requests have been received yet. March 3 is the deadline to submit.

Public Education:

Ms. Reed-Johnson discussed the particulars of her educational events, as well as letting the board know there are two business fairs coming up that she will be participating in.

Critical Recharge Areas:

Ms. Maiani and Mr. Adams met with Commissioner Duncan to fill her in on where things stand concerning the Critical Recharge Areas. She will take this to the BOCC Status Update meeting with the other commissioners and get feedback.

Open Space:

Mr. Scarcello shared a hand-out and gave an overview he had prepared on a proposed pilot program for open space. He feels like it is a doable project, and would like to board to read it in the next couple of weeks so it can be discussed at the next APD meeting. He suggested it would mean a commitment to embrace this kind of plan and would require everyone doing their homework on the topic.

Master Plan:

Ms. Maiani reached out to Andy Dunau (Master Plan Facilitator) but had not heard back from him at the time of this discussion. She is confident she will soon hear from him. Ms. Scheidt and

Mr. Adams have both answered the questions Mr. Dunau asked of the board at the last meeting.

Mr. Adams encouraged the board to all send their responses to Mr. Dunau.

E. Member Comments (Discussion)

Ms. Scheidt expressed concern about the presence of cryptosporidium (crypto) in the water and asked if the Hauser Creek Alta Study had looked at microbial contaminants in the water. Since they did not, who can answer that? It was suggested that contaminant levels could be an element of future CARA studies as it could be a risk if there is a flooding issue/event.

It was asked when Mr. Dunau would be meeting next with the board.

F. Cooperation Agency Comments (Discussion)

Mr. Oliver said that DEQ is doing pathogen evaluations. He also stated their concern about businesses or entities (other than a regular car wash business) that clean the undersides of many large vehicles (such as Highway departments) and the water that flows into the ground during the cleaning process. Another topic was the Fighting Creek Landfill and the leachate evaporation process, the time requirements involved, and what will be done with the contaminants. He said there are several possible solutions. Mr. Scott Miller, Senior Hydrogeologist with DEQ is pursuing a groundwater study at Nettleton Gulch. Also, USGS is interested in speaking with DEQ about a groundwater model of the aquifer.

Ms. Gray shared that PHD has concerns about large vehicle fleets discharging directly into grassy swales. They are trying to educate people on the matter. They will soon be presenting to a City of CDA executive team.

F. Public Comment

None

G. Discussion ended at 5:15 pm.

Julie Kamps
Recording Secretary