

**Kootenai County**  
**Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Protection District**  
**Policy and Budget Committee**  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 12, 2020  
4:00 p.m.

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

**Committee Members Present:** Necia Maiani, BiJay Adams, Mary Vehr, Chris de Groot, Larry Simms and Laurin Scarcello. Jim Hudson, Kristi Johnson, Bob Hayes.

**Committee Members Excused:** Michelle Johnson was excused

**Also present were:** Panhandle Health (PHD) Environmental Health Section Manager Erik Ketner, Idaho Department Environmental Quality (DEQ) Hydrologist Seth Oliver, Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) Hydrogeologist Daniel Sturgis, BOCC Communications Manager Nancy Jones and Recording Secretary Chandra Newberry.

**A. Call Meeting to Order:**

At 4:02 p.m., Committee Chair Necia called the meeting to order.

**B. Approval of Minutes:**

Jim Hudson moved to approve minutes from January 22, 2020. Chris De Groot seconded the motion. The vote was taken. The motion carried.

**C. Treasurer's Report/Expenditure Approval**

Nancy Jones advised the board that there was one pending invoice, the quarterly DEQ invoice that had been emailed to the group; she asked for payment approval. Necia approved processing of the payment.

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

The board was introduced to their new member, Alyssa Gersdorf. Inland Northwest Land Conservancy Executive Director Dave Schaub and Coeur d'Alene Press reporter Jennifer Passaro were introduced as guests.

**E. Business:**

Presentation by Dave Schaub, Executive Director of Inland Northwest Land Conservancy  
Inland Northwest Land Conservancy Executive Director of Dave Schaub gave a presentation on the topic of easements and the different completed and pending projects. Laurin Scarcello spoke on his knowledge of the history of Tevis and Greenfield properties.

Seth Oliver entered at 4:08 pm. Larry Simms entered at 4:15 pm.

Ground water Quality Forum Presentation – Commissioner Duncan

Commissioner Leslie Duncan entered at 4:52 pm. She spoke about her upcoming trip to the Idaho Ground Water Forum and asked the board if there was anything they would like her to touch on in her presentation. Kristi Johnson let Commissioner Duncan know that she would bring in materials for her to present and handout to everyone.

Dave Schaub left at 4:55 pm.

Commissioner Duncan left at 4:56 pm.

FY21 Funding Requests

Laurin submitted a funding request for the annual Grower's Meeting, bringing the total requests received to date to two. The other request was received from Kootenai Environmental Alliance for continuation of the Confluence Project.

Public Hearing Process Review

Nancy advised that the group would have to have one public hearing prior to the August 2020 hearing, per county legal counsel. The group agreed to cancel the pending April hearing and have hearings in June and August.

**F. APD Member Comments / Subcommittee Comments:**

No comments were made from the APD or Subcommittee Members

**G. Cooperating Agency Comments:**

Bijay Adams left at 5:14 pm

Chris de Groot left at 5:14 pm

**H. Adjournment**

Larry moved to adjourn the meeting. Mary Vehr seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chandra Newberry, Recording Secretary