

Kootenai County
Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Protection District
Policy and Budget Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 26, 2020
4:00 p.m.

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

Committee Members Present: Necia Maiani, BiJay Adams, Chris de Groot, Larry Simms, Jim Hudson, Kristi Johnson, Bob Hayes, Michelle Johnson and Alyssa Gersdorf.

Committee Members Excused: Laurin Scarcello and Mary Vehr were excused

Also present were: Panhandle Health (PHD) Environmental Health Section Manager Erik Ketner, Idaho Department Environmental Quality (DEQ) Hydrologist Seth Oliver 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:

Larry Simms moved to approve minutes from February 12, 2020. Bob Hayes seconded the motion. The vote was taken. The motion carried.

C. Treasurer's Report/Expenditure Approval

No invoices were up for approval

D. Chairman's Comments and Introductions:

Later into the meeting, Mike Galante was introduced as a guest.

E. Business:

Status of Recharge Area Easements Presentation by Mike Galante

Mike Galante gave a presentation on the updates on the recharge area easements he had about different properties. On the Richards' property in Hayden, Mike explained that he spoke with former County Commissioner Katie Brodie, who acted as a mediator for the Richards. He informed the group that she has gone silent and has not been returning his calls lately, but the Richards will be back in town after the winter and he will work on getting in touch with them after their return. From his knowledge, they are still interested to go forward. Mike then moved on to the Tevis property in Hauser. He advised the board that the daughter of the Tevis's is interested in creating an easement and dedicating it to the County Aquifer Protection District (APD), but her worry is the maintenance. She is wanting

the County to handle all the maintenance and the costs of creating an easement. Bob Hayes expressed his concern of the APD not being the appropriate group for the maintenance of that sump. Necia Maiani asked Mike what his next steps were for this process. Mike replied to Necia that he will be going to explore other properties that could be used as infiltration zones.

Recharge Areas

Item 2 and 3 were combined into one item.

Update on Meeting with Inland Northwest Land Conservancy

Bijay gave an overview of his meeting with the Inland Northwest Land Conservancy. He expressed that they are interested in a professional Services proposal, but are not interested in negotiating with the land owners.

F. APD Member Comments / Subcommittee Comments:

No comments were made from the APD or Subcommittee Members

G. Cooperating Agency Comments:

The board decided on a date for the Panhandle Health District (PHD) and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to present their budget requests. The decision was made for March 25, 2020 at Panhandle Health.

H. Adjournment

Michelle Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting. Kristi seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Newberry, Recording Secretary