

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

Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 13, 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, Bob Haynes, BiJay Adams, Kristy Johnson, Jim Hudson, and Laurin Scarcello.

Also present were Department of Environmental Quality Hydrogeologist Gary Stevens, Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative Representative Daniel Sturgis, Panhandle Health District Representative Erik Ketner, consultant Mike Galante, BOCC Communications Manager Nancy Jones, and Recording Secretary Cheryl Broadway.

**Committee Members Absent:** None

**A. Call Meeting to Order:**

At 4:08 p.m., Committee Chair Necia Maiani called the meeting to order.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance:** Michelle Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. Approval of Minutes:** Kristy Johnson moved to approve the February 13, 2019, meeting minutes. Laurin seconded the motion. The vote was taken. The motion carried.

**D. Treasurer's Report / Expenditure Approval:**

Nancy Jones provided a report indicating that in FY18, the APD spent 81% of their approved budget and that 20% of the FY19 budget had been used so far this year. The group reviewed the first quarter DEQ invoice, the request for the CDA Business Fair registration, and the invoice to Griffin Publishing for the printing of the 'Drippy the Water Drop' cards and they approved all invoices to be paid.

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

**F. Business:**

**1. Presentation – Mike Galante, Water Management Consulting**

Former APD member Mike Galante presented a proposal for a consulting agreement related to protection of the sensitive recharge areas of the aquifer. The three critical areas for protection in the presentation were the Hayden overflow area (on the Richards property), the Rathdrum sump (on the Greenfield and Tevis properties), and the Hauser Creek outfall. The group discussed the pros and cons related to the acquisition of property versus the placement of conservation easements to protect critical areas. It was noted that the exact cost of this project could be difficult to determine, but that any contract could be brought forward with a 'not to

exceed' clause and parameters for bringing forward an amendment, if necessary, should the project take longer than indicated in the initial proposal. The group agreed unanimously that this was a critical issue for APD to address and that it will have a lasting impact on aquifer protection efforts.

Bob moved to support the proposal presented by Mike Galante and to have it presented to county legal and the Board of Commissioners for consideration. Kristy seconded the motion. The vote was taken. The motion carried.

**2. Follow Up on 02/13/19 Meeting Topics:**

- a. Nancy shared that the MOU for the Hayden Well was in legal review and that she will follow up with the group once it is brought forward to the BOCC for consideration.

**3. Review & Follow Up of 2018/2019 APD Budget:**

- a. This item was covered under the expenditure report section of the meeting.

**4. FY19/FY20 Budget Requests:**

No budget requests had been received to date.

**G. APD Member Comments:**

There were no member comments.

**H. Cooperating Agency Comments:**

Gary Stevens let the group know that he is still looking into the Aquifer Atlas project, but that it looks like it should be included in the FY20 budget. He said he would present more information in an upcoming meeting.

- I. Adjournment:** Bob moved to adjourn the meeting and Mary seconded the motion. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Nancy Jones – Acting Recording Secretary