

Kootenai County
Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Protection District
Policy and Budget Committee

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 28, 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, Kristy Reed-Johnson, Michelle Johnson, Bob Haynes, Jim Hudson, and Dion Holton.

Laurin Scarcello was absent.

Also present were Panhandle Health District Representative Erik Ketner, Department of Environmental Quality Hydrogeologist Alyssa Gersdorf, Spokane River Forum Executor Director Andy Dunau and Program Director Tonilee Hanson, Idaho Washington Collaborative (IWAC) President Dan Kegley, Area Water Educator Jim Ekins and Marie Schmidt, Kootenai Environmental Alliance Executive Director Sharon Bosley, Coeur d'Alene Tribe Environmental Specialist Laura Laumantia, North Kootenai Water District Manager Chris de Groot, and Recording Secretary Tammie Peacock.

At 4:01 p.m., Committee Chair Leslie Duncan called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: Leslie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the January 24, 2018 minutes, with corrections, was made by BiJay Adams and seconded by Michelle Johnson. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chairman's Comments and Introductions: Committee Chair Leslie Duncan asked the members to review all of the budget items before the next meeting and she told them that they needed to hold onto their paper copies of the budget requests because it's the only ones they will get. She also reminded them that the Public Hearing is in April.

Change(s) to Agenda: University of Idaho's budget request was added to the agenda under "Business Items".

Business Items:

1. Review 2017-18 Budget Items and Statusa. Spokane River Forum Budget Request
– Andy Dunau and Tonilee Hanson, from the Spokane River Forum submitted an FY19 budget request in the amount of \$6,000. The funds will be used to promote the Waste Directory and to educate businesses and individuals on how to access specific, timely information for proper disposal of waste, thus protecting the aquifer. The H2O Breakfast and Conference will also benefit from this funding. This is a recurring request.

b. **Kootenai Environmental Alliance** - Sharon Bosley, with Kootenai Environmental Alliance presented their FY19 budget request in the amount of \$22,500. That amount, which is recurring, will fund the yearlong Confluence Project as well as the Youth Summit. The program has grown and last year 225 kids benefited from it while they expect to have 350 kids attend this year.

c. **Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative Budget Request** – Dan Kegley, from IWAC, submitted a onetime budget request for \$10,000. The funding will pay to create a series of Conservation videos. Those videos will be educational and promote good stewardship of the Aquifer.

d. **Panhandle Health District Budget Request** – Erik Ketner, from Panhandle Health District, explained that they will present their budget request on April 11th.

Alyssa Gersdorf left the meeting at 4:43 p.m.

e. **University of Idaho Extension Funding Request** - Jim Ekins, from the University of Idaho, submitted an FY19 budget request in the amount of \$10,950 to cover the completion costs of the Outdoor Classroom Project. He is hopeful that it will be complete by the end of March (weather permitting). He said that the Outdoor Classroom will be available for public use at and that the second year ask of \$5,475 would be used for the permeable concrete ADA path.

2. DEQ and PHD Present Aquifer Water Quality Results: Erik Ketner told the group that in 2015 Gary Stevens did a study on the aquifer water quality. He then shared some slides showing nitrate changes and water demand over the years determined by population growth. Panhandle Health District has been collecting aquifer water data since 1975.

3. Reimbursement Request - Vehr: Mary gave her Spokane River Forum registration receipt to Nancy Jones prior to the meeting. Kristy made a motion to reimburse Mary for the registration and Jim seconded it. The motion carried.

APD Member Comments: Mary was wondering what had happened to the Kootenai Environmental Alliance's trifold brochure. Kristy indicated that she would call Sharon and find out.

BiJay commented that he would like to get updates on where the money goes from all parties that receive funding from the APD. Mary would also like to see official updates from each.

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

There were no comments.

The next meeting will be March 14, 2018

Adjournment: Jim made the motion to adjourn. Mary seconded it. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammie Peacock
Recording Secretary