

Kootenai County
Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Protection District
Policy and Budget Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 11, 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, Laurin Scarcello and Alyssa Gersdorf.

Committee Members Excused: Mary Vehr was excused

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

Bob Hayes moved to approve minutes from February 26, 2020. Jim Hudson 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:

Rand Wichman, owner of Rand Wichman Planning, was introduced as a guest.

E. Business:

Funding Request Review

Necia stated that there were five funding requests so far. Necia asked for the funding requests to be distributed for the next meeting and the group discussed presentations. Nancy Jones offered to contact the Fair Board Chair about their funding request.

Seth Oliver entered at 4:13 p.m.

Conservation Easements Presentation by Rand Wichman

Rand Wichman recounted his recent conversation with Mike Galante about taking over his contract with the APD. Rand gave his experience working with conservation easements and his knowledge about the properties Mike had been working on. Laurin Scarcello volunteered to get property aerial views for Rand.

Rand Wichman left at 4:26 p.m.

F. APD Member Comments / Subcommittee Comments:

BiJay advised the committee that he has the second person to consider, Rance Block from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. BiJay will meet with him on March 12, 2020, at 9:00 am. Rance will let BiJay know if he is interested; the group agreed with this direction. BiJay was also invited to give a presentation at the Pacific Northwest Section of the AWWA to talk about education across the aquifer. He asked permission for the board to give the presentation. The group gave their approval.

G. Cooperating Agency Comments:

Erik Ketner spoke about possibly moving the March 25, 2020, APD meeting to the Kootenai County Boardroom instead of having it at the Panhandle Health Building due to the Coronavirus health threat. He indicated he would follow up with county staff prior to the meeting date.

H. Adjournment

Kristi moved to adjourn the meeting. Bob seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Newberry, Recording Secretary