

Kootenai County
Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Protection District
Policy and Budget Committee

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 27, 2019
4:00 p.m.

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

Committee Members Present: Necia Maiani, Michelle Johnson, Chris de Groot, Mary Vehr, Bob Haynes, Kristy Johnson, 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, Spokane River Forum Executive Director Andy Dunau, Hauser Lake Water Association representative Larry Simms, and acting Recording Secretary Nancy Jones.

Committee Members Absent: BiJay Adams and Jim Hudson (excused)

A. Call Meeting to Order:

At 4:00 p.m., Committee Chair Necia Maiani called the meeting to order.

B. Pledge of Allegiance: Gary Stevens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Approval of Minutes: Bob Haynes moved to approve the February 27, 2019, meeting minutes. Michelle Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was taken. The motion carried.

D. Treasurer's Report / Expenditure Approval:

No new invoices or expenditures required approval.

E. Chairman's Comments and Introductions:

Chair Necia Maiani welcomed Andy Dunau and Gary Stevens and thanked them for taking the time to bring forward their presentations.

F. Business:

1. Guest Speaker – Andy Dunau, Spokane River Forum

Andy Dunau began by noting that the APD and the River Forum all worked on different fiscal years (neither in line with the calendar year), creating some confusion in the past. He stated that, for the purposes of his presentation, he would refer to the fiscal year as that of the APD. He began with some background on the timing and support from the APD. He also reviewed the agenda for this year's Spokane River Forum, which would be held on April 16 and 17th in Spokane, noting areas that might be of particular interest to the committee members. It was noted that the APD members, as sponsors of the Forum, were encouraged to attend. Necia agreed to provide the names of those attending to Andy as soon as possible. Andy also provided analytics on the Waste Directory, noting that page

views had gone up significantly since the addition of information for Kootenai County. He shared that only 10% of site visitors were returning visitors, reflecting good use as an educational tool for residents. He also spoke regarding the media campaign being funded by the Spokane River Toxics Task Force, noting that the campaign is benefitting supporters of the Directory, whether or not they fund the media campaign, and that Google algorithms are working in our favor on the Director site. FY20 funding to the SRF would include support for the Spring 2020 H2O Breakfast and continued support for the maintenance and updating of the Waste Directory.

2. Guest Speaker – Gary Stevens, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Gary Stevens gave a PowerPoint presentation detailing the current DEQ processes and projects that are supported through APD funding, as well as those that will be supported by funding in FY20. His presentation included historical information regarding the relationship between DEQ, BNSF Railroad, and the APD, elements of the DEQ Aquifer Protection Program, and specific examples of aquifer protection activities and programs (such as BNSF refueling facility inspections, educational programs in local schools, various environmental studies, and monitoring well projects). The FY20 DEQ funding request, in the amount of \$91,060, would be used to support personnel costs related to APD activities, as well as continued operating expense support for educational programs (such as student RPA ground water sampling and aquifer education kits).

3. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Budget – Necia shared that she has started entering budget numbers into the comprehensive budget spreadsheet.
- b. Education & Outreach – Kristy Johnson noted that the educational and outreach programs referenced by Gary in his presentation are separate from her efforts. The group reiterated their request for more detailed reporting in the future, detailing the number of schools and students being reached each year through APD and through DEQ student educational efforts. Kristy provided her FY20 funding request to the group, as well.
- c. Work Elements – No report from this subcommittee.
- d. Recharge Zones – Proposal from Mike Galante was still in legal review.

G. APD Member Comments:

Nancy Jones thanked everyone who had attended the recent Idaho Open Meeting Law training and reminded everyone to copy the assigned group email address on all electronic correspondence related to APD business. She also shared that the MOU for the Hayden Meadows well was scheduled to be considered by the BOCC on April 2, 2019.

H. Cooperating Agency Comments: There were no agency comments.

I. Adjournment: Mary moved to adjourn the meeting and Kristy seconded the motion. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Jones – Acting Recording Secretary