

Kootenai County
Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Protection District
Policy and Budget Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 28, 2018
4:00 p.m.

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

Committee Members Present: Leslie Duncan, Michelle Johnson, Dion Holton, Mike Galante, Mary Vehr, Kristy Reed-Johnson, Laurin Scarcello, Bob Haynes, and Jim Hudson.

Necia Maiani and BiJay Adams were absent.

Also present were Idaho Department of Water Resources Hydrogeologist Daniel Sturgis, Department of Environmental Quality Hydrogeologist Alyssa Gersdorf, DEQ Waste and Remediation Manager Gary Stevens, DEQ Regional Administrator Dan Redline, University of Idaho Area Water Educator Jim Ekins, North Kootenai Water District Manager Chris de Groot, and Recording Secretary Tammie Peacock.

At 4:05 p.m., Committee Chair Leslie Duncan called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mary Vehr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Jim Hudson moved to approve the March 14, 2018 minutes with corrections and Mike Galante seconded. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chairman's Comments and Introductions: Committee Chair Leslie Duncan told the members that a couple of people needed to leave right at 5:00 p.m. and that was acceptable. She also indicated that Kristy had spoken to Kootenai Environmental Alliance and that they would like 10 minutes at the April meeting to go over the questions that the APD had. She asked that Tammie add that to the April 11th agenda.

Change(s) to Agenda: None

Business Items:

1. Review Budget Items and Status:

a. Idaho Department of Environmental Quality – \$98,818 requested.

Alyssa Gersdorf told the members that both the new aquifer poster and the Stormwater Handbook were finished, and then she presented both to the group. Kristy said that the poster and handbook were “gorgeous tools” for the Business Fairs. Alyssa shared that the DEQ had just hired a new person, Monja Metcalf. Monja will be conducting the inspections of the BNSF Hauser refueling facility.

Alyssa presented a slide show outlining the DEQ's FY19 funding request. The request covered:

1. BNSF Refueling Facility Inspections
2. Technical Assistance
3. Education and Outreach
4. Administration

Dan Redline added that the actual cost could be less than the amount requested. Mike said that it's a great program.

b. **University of Idaho Extension Office** - \$10,950 requested. Jim Ekins updated the group on the outdoor classroom project by saying that the construction had begun and they were hoping to be finished by April 2nd. He handed out some additional print-outs for the project. He added that there will be 120' of basalt columns and that the next step will be permeable paving. He said that the budget request also includes the sand. Mary asked him what would happen if the APD doesn't fund the project and Jim answered that he would keep looking for funding. Jim left the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

2. Budget Request Review and Deliberations:

a. **Spokane River Forum** - \$6,000 requested

Kristy moved to approve the budget request and Jim seconded it. Mike abstained and the motion was passed.

b. **Kootenai Environmental Alliance** - \$22,500 requested

Tabled until the next meeting when more information will be presented.

c. **Idaho Washington Aquifer Collaborative** - \$25,000 requested

Mary made a motion to approve the budget request and Michelle seconded it. Mike abstained and the motion passed.

d. **Panhandle Health District** Will present request at next meeting.

e. **University of Idaho Extension** - \$10,900 requested.

Mary was still concerned with the APD being the only Funding source. Bob said that he did not share her concern about that. He thinks it is a good project and thought that Jim answered the group's questions. The vote was postponed until the next meeting.

f. **US Bureau of Reclamation** - \$3,400 requested

Leslie had not heard back from BiJay to see if he had communication with Jama. Gary Stevens said that wastewater facilities are using the Agrimet stations. And that there is a lot of interest in them. Daniel Sturgis said that the IDWR is also using them. Bob wanted to know who else was using them, and wondered if average consumers are also using them. The vote was postponed until the next meeting.

g. **Department of Environmental Quality** - \$98,818 requested

Bob made moved to approve the budget request and Mike seconded it. The motion passed unanimously. Dan asked if there were salary savings, would DEQ go to the Board? Leslie answered yes. Kristy asked for 50 Storm Water Handbooks and one large poster for Business Fairs. She added that she would pay for them out of her budget.

APD Member Comments: Leslie asked if Laurin had met with the Board of County Commissioners yet and he said that he hadn't. He added that he wanted input from the BOCC and that he was still in the discovery phase.

Leslie asked if the public meeting had been noticed and Tammie said that she would check with Nancy on that.

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

There were no comments.

The next meeting will be April 11, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. followed by the Public Meeting.

Adjournment: Kristy moved to adjourn. Mary seconded it. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammie Peacock - Recording Secretary