

**Kootenai County**  
**Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Protection District**  
**Policy and Budget Committee**  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 8, 2020  
4:00 p.m.  
451 N. Government Way  
Administration Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Boardroom

**Committee Members Present:** Necia Maiani, BiJay Adams, Chris de Groot, Jim Hudson, Kristi Johnson, Bob Haynes, Michelle Johnson, Mary Vehr, and Alyssa Gersdorf.

**Committee Members Excused:** Laurin Scarcello and Larry Simms was excused

**Also present were:** Panhandle Health (PHD) Environmental Health Specialist Jenny Gray, Idaho Department Environmental Quality (DEQ) Hydrologist Seth Oliver, BOCC Communications Manager Nancy Jones, and Recording Secretary Chandra Newberry.

**A. Call Meeting to Order:**

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

**B. Approval of Minutes:**

Kristy Johnson moved to approve minutes as corrected from March 11, 2020. Bob Haynes 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:**

Andy Dunau and Tonilee Hanson, Monja Metcalf with Department Environmental Quality, Jenny Gray with Panhandle Health District and Gary Stevens with Department Environmental Quality were all introduced as guests.

**E. Business:**

Presentations by Panhandle Health District and Department of Environmental Quality

Jenny Gray presented the Panhandle Health District FY21 Budget Request. Panhandle Health requested \$309,200. She reviewed the four pillars of the Panhandle program. In 2019, of 1068 facilities that were in the critical materials program, 845 of them had critical materials; the others previously housed critical materials but do not do so currently. Kristy advised the committee that the April Business Fair has been rescheduled to October 2020 due to the current health situations. Seth Oliver presented the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) FY21 Funding Request. Department of Environmental.

Quality requested \$98,874. Seth advised the committee that the DEQ budget was reduced by 2%. He told the committee that APD funding primarily supports education and outreach.

#### Presentation by Andy Dunau

Andy Dunau and Tonilee Hanson with the Spokane River Forum gave their presentation on the COVID-19 Alert. They spoke about how Solid Waste in Kootenai County has been putting restrictions on what you can bring in, with Spokane doing the same. They also went over the Waste Directory Progress Report; they increased the number of users by 90% from 2018 to 2019. Andy presented the Spokane River Forum FY21 Funding Request to the committee. The Spokane River Forum requested \$6,000. He discussed the Recycle Right Spokane Goals.

#### Review Funding Requests

The committee reviewed the requests that have been submitted so far. The Aquifer Atlas expenditure was accepted with no objections. Kristi moved to accept the Waste Directory, Bijay seconded. Michelle moved to accept the Education, Kristy seconded. The Growers request was put aside. Department of Environmental Quality was accepted with no objections. Panhandle Health District was accepted with no objections. Agrimet was accepted with no objections. The Confluence Project, Our Gem and Fairgrounds still have presentations to present to the committee. The Confluence project will present on 4/22/20. Our Gem and the Fairgrounds will present the first meeting of May.

#### Conservation Easements Consultant Update

BiJay spoke about his meeting with Rance Block, bringing him up to speed to where the group is. BiJay said Rance was pretty interested, but he would have to pass at the moment. BiJay then told the group he believes Rand Wichman would be a good fit for the position. He proposed to have the committee work with Rand Wichman and have him sign a contract, similar to one that Mike Galante had.

#### **F. APD Member Comments / Subcommittee Comments:**

Mary Vehr would like copies of the funding requests that have not been accepted yet.

#### **G. Cooperating Agency Comments:**

There were no cooperating agency comments

#### **H. Adjournment**

Bob moved to adjourn the meeting. Kristy seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chandra Newberry, Recording Secretary