

Kootenai County
Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Protection District
Policy and Budget Committee

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 10, 2019
4:30 p.m.

Panhandle Health District, 8500 N Atlas Rd, Hayden, ID 83835

Committee Members Present: Necia Maiani, BiJay Adams, Michelle Johnson, Mary Vehr, Bob Haynes, Kristy Johnson, and Laurin Scarcello.

Also present were Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Hydrogeologist Gary Stevens, Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) North Region Manager Doug Jones, Panhandle Health District (PHD) Division Administrator Joe Righello and Environmental Health Section Manager Erik Ketner, and acting Recording Secretary Nancy Jones.

Committee Members Absent: Jim Hudson and Chris de Groot (excused)

A. Call Meeting to Order:

At 4:32 p.m., Committee Chair Necia Maiani called the meeting to order.

B. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was not said as there was no flag available.

C. Approval of Minutes: Bob Haynes moved to approve the March 13, 2019, meeting minutes. Laurin Scarcello seconded the motion. The vote was taken. Mary Vehr abstained from the vote. The motion carried.

Bob moved to approve the March 27, 2019, meeting minutes. Mary seconded the motion. The vote was taken. The motion carried.

D. Chairman's Comments and Introductions:

The committee members all introduced themselves to those in attendance.

E. Business:

1. Panhandle Health District FY20 Budget Request Presentation

Erik Ketner introduced the primary PHD staff members who are working with the community in support of aquifer protection activities: Jenny Gray, Cody Rawlings, Emma Wooldridge, and Tyler Barrientos. He went on to detail the various programs and activities that PHD conducted in the past year to assure regulatory standards and best management practices are met in our community, including both preventative and remediation efforts with property owners and businesses. He also spoke regarding their community outreach efforts, water quality monitoring processes, and public education

programs. He noted that the FY20 budget request was a decrease from the current year, largely due to reduced salary needs and the completion of the shallow injection well project. This will provide funding for three (3) full time FTEs, allowing for continued inspections of regulated facilities and water monitoring programs, as well as education and outreach efforts. It will also support participation in the upcoming Aquifer Atlas update project.

2. FY20 Budget & Project Update

a. Budget Request Review

Nancy Jones handed out an update of the FY20 budget request spreadsheet, noting that the education and outreach portion would still need to be analyzed and updated. Necia welcomed recommendations from the committee for the requests received.

Spokane River Forum was discussed. Mary moved to approve moving forward the request from the Spokane River Forum in the amount of \$6,000. Kristy Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was taken. Bob abstained. The motion carried.

The group decided to withhold a decision on the Kootenai Environmental Alliance Confluence Project request until after the presentation scheduled for April 25, 2019.

The Panhandle Health District request was reviewed. BiJay Adams moved to approve moving forward the request from PHD in the amount of \$330,999. Bob seconded the motion. The vote was taken. The motion carried.

The request from the US Bureau of Reclamation for AgriMet maintenance was reviewed. Laurin Scarcello moved to approve moving forward the request in the amount of \$3,400. Kristy seconded the motion. The vote was taken. The motion carried.

The request from the Department of Environmental Quality was reviewed. Kristy moved to approve moving forward the request in the amount of \$91,060, noting this was a reduction from the FY19 request. Mary seconded the motion. The vote was taken. The motion carried.

The request from the University of Idaho for support of the Outdoor Classroom project was discussed. The committee decided to withhold a decision until after a presentation from Jim Ekins, which will be held on May 22, 2019.

The request from the Soil Conservation District was discussed. Laurin moved to approve moving forward the request in the amount of \$1,500. Bob seconded the motion. The vote was taken. The motion carried.

b. Project Review & Updates

The committee reviewed historical information regarding the Aquifer Atlas project. Nancy verified that during the last update, the APD budgeted \$25,000 for the printing of the Atlas, ultimately purchasing 14,125 copies. Kootenai County handled the RFP and contract process for the printing of the 2015 Atlas. After significant discussion, Bob moved to approve an allocation in a tentative amount of \$30,000 in FY20 for the Aquifer Atlas project. BiJay seconded the motion. The vote was taken. The motion carried. Nancy was directed to reach out to the previous printing company to get a cost estimate for the update. Gary and Kristy said they would each get a count of how many boxes they have left from the previous printing.

Nancy shared draft copies of the proposed contract between Kootenai County and Mike Galante, noting that it reflected a billing rate of \$75 per hour and a maximum amount of \$15,000. Mary clarified that the \$45,000 in the FY19 budget would be used for the initiation of the contract as well as funding for any necessary easement or property procurement amounts. Bob moved to allocate \$45,000 in FY20 for easement placement, land acquisition, and a possible continuation of the contract with Mike Galante. Michelle seconded the motion. The vote was taken. The motion carried. The members agreed to review the contract and bring any questions forward in the next meeting. Necia said she would send a copy of the contract to Mike and invite him to the next meeting.

F. APD Member Comments:

Nancy Jones shared that the Board of Commissioners had approved Larry Simms as a member of the APD at their April 9, 2019, Business Meeting. His term will be effective through 12/31/2021.

G. Cooperating Agency Comments:

Gary Stevens asked if there would be any interest in scheduling another tour of the BNSF facility. He stated that it might be possible to arrange a tour on either May 9th or May 16th. The committee members said they would reach out to Cheryl or Nancy will their preferred date for scheduling.

H. Recess: No recess was necessary.

I. Public Hearing:

Chair Necia Maiani opened the public hearing portion of the meeting at 6:03 p.m. There was no testimony or public comment. Bob moved to close the public hearing at 6:04 p.m. Laurin seconded the motion. The vote was taken. The motion carried.

J. Adjournment:

Mary moved to adjourn the meeting. Michelle Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Jones – Acting Recording Secretary