

**Kootenai County  
Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Protection District  
Policy and Budget Committee**

Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday April 14, 2021  
4:00 p.m.

451 N. Government Way  
Administration Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Room 1A/B/Virtual Meeting

**Committee Members Present:** Necia Maiani, BiJay Adams, Laurin Scarcello, Jessie Camburn, Mary Vehr, Larry Simms, Kristy Johnson, Jim Hudson, Michelle Johnson and Alyssa Gersdorf.

**Committee Members Excused:** Bob Haynes was excused

**Also present were:** Panhandle Health District (PHD) Environmental Health Specialist Jenny Gray, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Hydrologist Seth Oliver, Kootenai Environmental Alliance Executive Director Shelly Austin, University of Idaho Extension Community Water Resource Center Outreach Specialist Marie Schmidt, University of Idaho Extension Area Waster Educator Jim Ekins, Coeur d'Alene Tribe Lake Management Restoration Coordinator Rebecca Stevens, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Coeur d'Alene (CDA) Lake Management Supervisor Jamie Brunner, Spokane River Forum Program Manager Tonilee Hanson, Spokane River Forum Founder Andy Dunau, Aquifer Protection District (APD) Consultant Rand Wichman, Board of County Commissioners (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:**

Larry Simms moved to approve the March 10, 2021 meeting minutes. Jim Hudson seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed.

**C. Treasurer's Report/Expenditure Approval**

No items came forward for approval.

**D. Chairman's Comments and Introductions:**

No introductions were made.

**E. Business:**

1. Kootenai Environmental Alliance (KEA) Budget Request Presentation

Marie Schmidt, Shelly Austin, Jim Ekins, Rebecca Stevens and Jamie Brunner gave a presentation on the proposed budget for Kootenai Environmental Alliance (KEA) for the Confluence Project. \$15,000 was requested for this fiscal year's budget.

2. Spokane River Forum Budget Request Presentation

Tonilee Hanson and Andy Dunau gave a presentation on the proposed budget for the Spokane River Forum. \$6,000 was requested for this fiscal year's budget.

### 3. AgriMet (Bureau of Reclamation) Budget Request

Necia explained that the AgriMet request was submitted late, but the APD was able to accept or deny the request. Mary Vehr moved to accept the late submission. Laurin Scarcello seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed. There was an overall agreement from the Board to have AgriMet present their request at the May 26, 2021 regular meeting.

### 4. Aquifer Protection Fee

Necia suggested moving this item to the next regular meeting. Nancy Jones also gave an update of the current APD budget. Kristy Johnson suggested to keep the Aquifer Protection fee the same as it is currently. Larry stated it would be a better idea to review the information at the next meeting and make a decision then.

### 5. Schedule Open Meeting Law Training

There was overall Board agreement to wait until after the APD budget hearing is completed to schedule the open meeting law training.

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

Laurin gave a report on the Soil and Water Conservation District Grower meeting that is anticipated to happen in June. Necia advised the Board that at the next meeting, Kootenai County Community Development Director David Callahan will be in attendance to discuss the Comprehensive Plan with the Board.

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

No discussion was made by DEQ or PHD.

## **H. Public Comment**

No discussion for public comment.

## **I. Adjournment**

Larry moved to adjourn the meeting. Laurin Scarcello seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chandra Newberry, Recording Secretary