

Kootenai County
Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Protection District
Policy and Budget Committee

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 9, 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, Necia Maiani, and BiJay Adams

Jim Hudson was absent.

Also present were Department of Environmental Quality Hydrogeologist Alyssa Gersdorf, Panhandle Health District Representative Erik Ketner, North Kootenai Water District Manager Chris de Groot, and Recording Secretary Tammie Peacock.

At 4:03 p.m., Committee Chair Leslie Duncan called the meeting to order.

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

Approval of Minutes: Laurin Scarcello moved to approve the April 11, 2018 and BiJay Adams seconded. The vote was taken and the motion carried.

Chairman's Comments and Introductions: Committee Chair Leslie Duncan showed the members the 2016 Post Falls Business Fair plaque that had finally been presented to Kristy Reed-Johnson for "Best Activity at Booth". She went on to say that she was very proud of the Committee. Leslie told Mike Galante that he could stay with the group through budget and then Chris de Groot would step into his spot. Leslie closed her comments by thanking the Cooperating Agencies that were present.

Change(s) to Agenda: None

Business Items:

1. Review Budget Items and Status:

- a. Grower's Meeting – \$1,500 requested
BiJay made a motion to approve the budget request and Kristy seconded it. The motion passed.
- b. University of Idaho - \$10, 950 requested
After a brief discussion, Dion made the motion to approve the budget request and Kristy seconded it. Mary opposed the motion. The motion passed.

Nancy Jones entered the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

2. Quote for Storm Water Handbook:

Kristy presented the members with a rough quote from Pro Print to print the Stormwater Handbooks. Kristy added that she had the budget for printing. Nancy Jones said that she would get a quote from the County Reprographics department for the printing. A motion was made by Dion to have Kristy proceed with the Handbook printing. Michelle seconded it. The motion passed.

Kristy also asked that the DEQ get paid the \$61 that she owes for the Handbooks that she had printed for the Business Fair. She presented the receipt to Tammie for reimbursement.

3. Final Budget Approvals and Prep for BOCC Meeting:

a. Kootenai Environmental Alliance (Confluence Project) \$22,500 previously approved

Leslie opened the KEA budget request for discussion and communicated that she was uncomfortable with the APD being the only funding source. Mary explained why KEA only secured a single source. Kristy spoke about the Water Summit and said that she didn't want to make the kids feel as though the reward was dropped.

Mary added that this request was no different than the Outdoor Classroom. Leslie countered that the Outdoor Classroom had in-kind support. Bob was concerned about spending APD money without a strong link. He did speak with Sharon Bosley and did not think that the APD should back away. BiJay had expressed concern over the matter as well as the Outdoor Classroom. He felt that there should have been more discussion. Leslie added that they could pull \$3,500 back from the KEA budget. She also wants reporting back from KEA.

Alyssa said that maybe NIC could waive the fee for the Water Summit. Kristy wants the approved budget to stay intact this year and advise KEA that they should expand into the community for funding for the Water Summit next year. Laurin added that he had a problem with any group getting single funding.

After a rousing discussion, the budget request for Kootenai Environmental stands as approved for the amount of \$22,500. A poll was taken and no one was opposed.

b. University of Idaho (Outdoor Classroom) - \$10, 950 previously approved

Leslie opened the U of I budget request for discussion. Mary said that she saw it as a problem that the University couldn't come up with the money and that she was uncomfortable approved the budget request. BiJay replied that it was a 1-time request and that they had lost funding so they came to the PAD for help. He added that he was uncomfortable with the APD being the single funder for the project.

Mike would be comfortable with it being cut by 50%. Bob then explained that the project would be more expensive to do it in stages. Mary reminded the group that Jim Ekins said he would only be able to do half of the project and that doing that would leave money sitting.

Necia asked if there were any restrictions on the funding and Kristy explained how the project evolved. A question was raised as to whether or not the APD could fund the construction at all. Nancy four the Aquifer Protection District statue and read it aloud. A motion to deny funding the University of Idaho budget request was made by Mary and seconded by BiJay. A poll was taken on the motion to deny funding with 6 yays, 2 nays, and 2 sustains. The motion was approved.

It was then suggested that the U of I and Jim Ekins look for other sources of funding, in-kind donations, etc. and then make a new request. Nancy said that she would draft the denial letter.

BiJay indicated that he would be working on the FY19 Work Elements and that he wanted to check on Kristy's education piece. Kristy made a motion to take the FY19 APD budget to the board of County Commissioners. Mike seconded the motion and it was approved.

APD Member Comments:

Laurin thanked everyone for their work on the budget.

Mike explained that the IWAC group are going ahead with the cards and lesson plan cards, in both black and white, featuring Drippy the Drop. They expect to have them ready for distribution in the fall. Kristy said that they are silly and fun at the same time.

Nancy got a response from Legal regarding the purchase of property and the bottom line is that the APD can recommend for the BOCC to purchase property.

Leslie indicated that there were only 2 meetings left and that she wouldn't be at the May 23rd meeting at which time, BiJay, Michelle, and Dion also said they would also be gone. With that being said, Leslie canceled the May 23rd meeting. She asked BiJay to see if Jama could come to the June 13th meeting to do her presentation.

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

No comments

The next meeting will be June 13, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. (tentatively) in Meeting Rooms 1A & 1B, followed by the Public Meeting.

Adjournment: Mike moved to adjourn the meeting and Necia seconded it. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammie Peacock - Recording Secretary