

Kootenai County
Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Protection District
Policy and Budget Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 13, 2020
4:00 p.m.
451 N. Government Way
Administration Building, 3rd Floor Boardroom Virtual Meeting

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

Committee Members Excused: Laurin Scarcello, Larry Simms was excused

Also present were: Panhandle Health (PHD) Environmental Health Specialist Jenny Gray, Idaho Department Environmental Quality (DEQ) Hydrologist Seth Oliver, Marie Schmidt with Kootenai Environmental Alliance (KEA), North Idaho Fair Board Chair Jerry Johnson, Nicole Kanler with Our Gem, Charles Buck with Our Gem, Jamie Brunner with Our Gem, Merle Van Houten with Our Gem, Rebecca Stevens with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, 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:

Jim Hudson moved to wait to approve the April 8th 2020 minutes as presented. Michelle Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed. The April 22, 2020 minutes were not added to the agenda. Those minutes will be approved on the next meeting.

C. Treasurer's Report/Expenditure Approval

Before the meeting, an invoice from Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) was sent to the group to review. Bob Hayes stated he is okay with the invoice. Necia agreed it is fine to go forward with the invoice, as it is only an FYI for the group.

D. Chairman's Comments and Introductions:

Marie Schmidt, Rebecca Stevens, Jerry Johnson, Nicole Kahler, Charles Buck, Jamie Brunner and Merle Van Houten were all introduced as guests.

E. Business:

Kootenai County Fairgrounds Well Presentation by Jerry Johnson

Jerry Johnson presented his requests for the Fairgrounds Well to the Aquifer Protection District Board (APD). He also mentioned that he spoke with Sheriff Ben Wolfinger, and they are on track to being able to have the fair this summer. Jerry stated that the well is planned

to be used to pump water and use for irrigation. He also explained that if Kootenai County Fire and Rescue is to lease land on the fairgrounds, they would be using it as well. At that point in time, there is no firm bid for the well. Alyssa Gersdorf expressed that the APD's main priority is education. Necia stated there was about \$25,000 budgeted in the past for the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) wells, but does not know how much the well at the fairground would cost since they do not have an approximate size yet. Necia asked Jerry is the well is for domestic use, Jerry answered no. Kristy said she believed it would be a good piece to the Confluence Project. Jenny Gray agrees that it would go along with the Confluence Project.

Our Gem Request Presentation

Nicole Kanler and Charles Buck gave their presentation on Our Gem. Bob Haynes expressed that he cannot support the Our Gem Project with APD funds since it is outside of scope of that the APD is supposed to do.

Rand Wichman Contract

BiJay advised the group that Rand worked out all of the details and had some minor changed to the scope of work. Both the Contract and Scope of work are ready for approval. Kristy Johnson moved to approve both the Contact and Scope of Work for Rand Wichman. Jim Hudson seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

F. APD Member Comments / Subcommittee Comments:

Mary Vehr asked if the group should vote on the budget presentation at that meeting, or a different meeting. Kristi and Bob both suggested that meeting. Necia recused herself from the decision of the Fairgrounds Budget. Kristy moved to accept the Kootenai County Fairgrounds Budget request. Bob seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed. Kristy moved to fund the Our Gem Project for one year only. Mary stated she agrees with the one year, but disagrees with funding it. BiJay disagreed with funding as well. No second was made to the motion. The board did not wish to find the Out Gem Project as presented.

G. Cooperating Agency Comments:

No cooperating agency comments were made.

H. Adjournment

BiJay moved to adjourn the meeting. Kristy seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Newberry, Recording Secretary