

Kootenai County
Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Protection District
Policy and Budget Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 27, 2020
4:00 p.m.
451 N. Government Way
Administration Building, 3rd Floor Boardroom Virtual Meeting

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

Committee Members Excused: Kristi Johnson, Jim Hudson, Larry Simms was excused

Also present were: Panhandle Health (PHD) Environmental Health Specialist Jenny Gray, Idaho Department Environmental Quality (DEQ) Hydrologist Seth Oliver, 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:

Bob Haynes moved to approve the April 22 and May 13 2020 minutes as corrected. Alyssa Gersdorf seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report/Expenditure Approval

No reports discussed

C. Chairman's Comments and Introductions:

No comments or introductions were made

D. Business:

Budget Requests

a. Grower's Meeting from Kootenai Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District

Laurin Scarcello gave an update to the board about the Grower's meeting. He stated that he would have more information at the next meeting, but the Growers group may not need the whole \$1500 that was requested from the Aquifer Protection District (APD). Laurin asked even if the Growers group does not use the whole \$1500, if they can hold it and use it as a carry over. BiJay agreed with Mary Vehr to have the Growers submit reimbursement requests. The board decided to hold the Growers request until they receive clarification

b. Education

Kristy Johnson was not at the meeting, so the education discussion was postponed until she is in attendance. But a request was made to mirror last year's education budget. Necia asked what we have for the Aquifer Atlas so far. Seth stated that he isn't sure of the timeline to submitting for the budget, whether he does it this year or next. Necia advised that if they are not ready to print the atlas before the end of this fiscal year, they can move the line item forward to make it possible for the next fiscal year, as a third carry forward. Bijay stated he supports Necia's decision. Necia asked for the board's opinion on moving the last year's budget numbers forward to the current budget. BiJay supported Necia's request. Mary and Laurin agreed to also carry everything forward.

Funding Requests

a. Summary of Requests

Item 1 and 2 were combined

b, Summary of APD recommendations

Budget/Rate Review

Necia dropped the budget into the working rate just to see where they are at compared to the current fund balance. Necia stated that it does assume using about \$45,000 per year for the easements, so if they do make headway on the easements, they have the funds available for that along with the other expenditures. BiJay explained that if any of the easements involve land acquisition, the \$45,000 will not carry very far. The committee hopes to get more clarification from Rand Wichman in the future.

Work Elements

BiJay spoke about the Work Elements Committee draft he created and sent to the Work Elements Committee for input. He incorporated some of Mary Vehr's comments. He asked if any of the other members have any comments to add to let him know. His goal is to have the draft in its final format for the public hearing on June 10th.

Presentation to Commissioners/Meeting-Hearing Schedule for 2020

Hearing has been set at 6pm on June 10, 2020. The group agreed to set a meeting before the meeting to be able to wrap up the rest of the budget, and to set formalities. The meeting has been agreed on and scheduled at 4pm on June 10, 2020 before the meeting.

Update on Rand Wichman Contract

The board was advised that the Rand Wichman contract will be held and approved by the Commissioners on a Business meeting. A Mike Galante termination letter need to be drafted. Laurin spoke about the HWY53 project and how it will affect Hauser Creek and Rathdrum Creek and the possibility of having a recharge area before HWY53. He wasn't sure if that will affect Rand's contract or not. BiJay agreed with Laurin, and advised him

that the project is on Rand's radar. Laurin stated that the committee should formally request to be in the loop for the HWY 53 project. Mary informed the committee that she saw surveyors at the Richardson's property the week before.

E. APD Member Comments / Subcommittee Comments:

Bob told the committee that he received a call about provisions of the 5 acre rule. He stated it doesn't apply to the Aquifer on the south side of the Spokane River. Seth mentioned that he has gotten calls about the Greensferry area, but they have no statute regulating septic density. It all comes down to what has been written in the Idaho code or statute. They don't have an ability to regulate how dense septic fields are. Necia suggested bringing the concern forward to the commissioners. Bob and Mary agreed.

F. Cooperating Agency Comments:

No cooperating agency comments were made.

G. Adjournment

Bob moved to adjourn the meeting. Laurin seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Newberry, Recording Secretary