

Kootenai County
Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Protection District
Policy and Budget Committee

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 5, 2019
4:00 p.m.

451 N. Government Way
Administration Building, 3rd Floor Boardroom

Committee Members Present: Necia Maiani, BiJay Adams, Bob Haynes, Larry Simms, Kristy Johnson, Michelle Johnson, Mary Vehr, Chris de Groot, Jim Hudson, and Laurin Scarcello.

Also present were Panhandle Health District (PHD) Program Manager Erik Ketner, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Remediation Manager Gary Stevens, BOCC Liaison Nancy Jones and Recording Secretary Chandra Newberry.

Committee Members Excused: None

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 May 8, 2019, meeting minutes. Kristy Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was taken. The motion carried.

C. Chairman's Comments and Introductions:

No comments or introductions were made.

D. Business:

1. Final FY20 Budget Review

a. University of Idaho (U of I) Outdoor Classroom Request

Nancy Jones informed the group that a legal review had been done of the U of I request and it was determined that funding for the project was within the legal parameters indicated in statute for APD activities. Necia shared with the group that she had contacted the City of Coeur d'Alene for their input on the work done to date and the completion of the Outdoor Classroom project. She shared that the City would like to see the pavers corrected and that they will take liability for the project. Kristy moved to approve the funding request and include it in the budget to be forwarded to the Board of Commissioners (BOCC). Bob Haynes seconded the motion. The vote was taken. Mary Vehr was opposed. The motion passed.

b. Galante Contract Update

Necia let the group know that Mike Galante's contract was executed with the BOCC and he is getting started with the easement project. She shared a draft letter that he wanted the committee's input on before he would send it out to property owners in Rathdrum, Hauser, and Hayden. Chris de Groot noted one typo; no other questions or changes were recommended. Nancy agreed to pass the letter along to county legal for input and approval. She would then follow up with Mike once the review was complete.

c. Final Funding Review

The committee reviewed the comprehensive spreadsheet of all proposed and tentatively approved funding to date. It was noted that the tentative budget total in the amount of \$535,134 (not including the annual \$36,050 interfund transfer to Kootenai County) was lower than last year's budget, even with the addition of the Aquifer Atlas printing project. Upon review and discussion, two amendments to the budget were proposed, as follows:

- The \$45,000 for the recharge zone/easement project, which had been tentatively approved with \$15,000 for continuation of the Galante Independent Contractor Agreement as well as \$30,000 for possible conservation easement and/or property acquisition costs was amended to increase the easement/land allocation to \$45,000 (for a total of \$60,000 budgeted in FY20 for protection of recharge zones). Larry moved to increase the proposed funding amount for easements to \$45,000 from \$30,000. BiJay seconded the motion. The vote was taken. The motion carried.
- An increase was proposed for the tentative funding amount for printing of the Aquifer Atlas. Jim Hudson moved to increase the amount for atlas printing to \$35,000 from \$30,000. Chris seconded the motion. The vote was taken. The motion carried.

Nancy reviewed the decisions made to verify that staff was to update the spreadsheet to reflect the motions made for the U of I Outdoor Classroom Project, the increase for the recharge zone project, and the increase for the printing of the Aquifer Atlas. She also noted that staff would submit Mike Galante's draft letter to legal for review and follow up. The group confirmed this direction.

2. Preparation for June 12, 2019, Public Hearing

Necia presented the draft public hearing PowerPoint to the committee. Kristy agreed to forward additional photos to Necia, including pictures from this year's Confluence Project. No changes were recommended other than those related to the changes approved in this meeting. The committee agreed that the regular meeting scheduled for 5:00 pm on June 12th should be cancelled as no additional meeting time was needed prior to the public hearing. Scheduling for a meeting to bring the FY20 budget proposal before the BOCC was also discussed.

E. APD Member Comments / Subcommittee Comments:

Larry shared that a culvert which crosses a lake outlet in Hauser is collapsing. The property owners are not acting to fix the collapse, which affects a recharge area. He met with representatives of the Office of Emergency Management and Army Corps of Engineers, but they indicated that they were not able to provide any assistance. He was not certain that the APD could help, but he wanted the group to be aware. The property owners have been encouraged to speak to the city and/or to seek grant funding for possible remediation of the issue.

F. Cooperating Agency Comments:

Nancy shared with the group that she had attended a presentation by Dave Schaub of the Inland NW Land Conservancy and that some of the work being done by that group appeared to mirror some of the efforts being considered by the APD with regard to obtaining conversation easements. The group was in favor of putting Mike Galante in contact with Mr. Schaub.

G. Adjournment

Jim moved to adjourn the meeting. Chris seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Jones – Acting Recording Secretary