

Kootenai County
Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Protection District
Policy and Budget Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 10, 2020
4:00 p.m.
451 N. Government Way
Administration Building, 1st Floor Meeting Rooms 1A/B

Committee Members Present: Necia Maiani, BiJay Adams, Laurin Scarcello, Bob Haynes, Mary Vehr, Alyssa Gersdorf, Kristy Johnson, Jim Hudson and Larry Simms were present.

Committee Members Excused: Michelle Johnson was excused

Also present were: Panhandle Health (PHD) Environmental Health Specialist Jenny Gray, Panhandle Health (PHD) Environmental Health Section Manager Erik Ketner, Idaho Department Environmental Quality (DEQ) Hydrologist Seth Oliver, Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) Hydrogeologist Daniel Sturgis, Member of the Public Jim Kimball, BOCC Communications Manager Nancy Jones, and Recording Secretary Chandra Newberry.

A. Call Meeting to Order:

At 4:03 p.m., Committee Chair Necia Maiani called the meeting to order.

B. Approval of Minutes:

Alyssa Gersdorf moved to approve the May 27, 2020 minutes as corrected. Laurin Scarcello 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

Laurin gave an update on the Kootenai Shoshone Soil and Water District. Larry Simms voiced his opinion, stating he wants to have the Soil District submit payments up to the \$1500 budgeted amount. The Board agreed on that idea. Larry moved to approve the request for Kootenai Shoshone Soil and Water District. Jim Hudson seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

b. Education

Necia verified with Kristy Johnson that the amount that would be carried over for Fy21 is the same as Fy20. Kristy agreed and stated that the max amount that would be needed would be \$3,250. Jim Kimball entered the meeting at 4:20 pm. Jim Hudson moved to maintain the education for FY21 to be the same as Fy20. Bob Haynes seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

Update on Rand Wichman Contract

Bijay Adams gave an update about the Board of County Commissioners approving the contract for Rand Wichman. He also stated that the contract for Mike Galante needs to be terminated. Jim Hudson suggested the county participate with the Idaho Transportation department about the Highway 53 project. BiJay stated he will talk to Rand about that project.

Discussion on Aquifer Boundary Refinement / Impacts to 5 Acre Rule

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Hydrologist Seth Oliver and Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) Hydrogeologist Daniel Sturgis gave a presentation about the aquifer boundary, the IDWR and DEQ rules, as well as the potential boundary expansion concerns.

The Board recessed at 5:55 pm to get ready for the Budget Hearing scheduled at 6:00 pm.

The Board resumed at 6:00 pm with the Budget Hearing.

C. Call Meeting to Order:

At 6:00 p.m., Committee Chair Necia Maiani called the Budget Hearing to order.

E. Business:

Aquifer Protection District Budget and Policy Committee FY21 Budget Presentation

Necia gave the Aquifer Protected District FY21 Budget presentation. Jim Hudson moved to open the public hearing. Mary seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed. Bob moved to close the public hearing. Jim Hudson seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed. Necia asked for a motion to present the budget presentation to the Board of County Commissioners. BiJay moved to present to the BOCC. Mary seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed. Jim Hudson moved to adjourn the public hearing. Mary Vehr seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

F. APD Member Comments / Subcommittee Comments:

Necia suggested talking to Community Development about the 5 acre rule for their help and thoughts. The board allowed Jim Kimball 5 minutes for public comment to voice his opinion on the 5 acre rule.

G. Cooperating Agency Comments:

Dan Sturgis, Seth Oliver and Eric Ketner gave their opinions and talked about the aquifer and the open space 5 acre rule.

H. Adjournment

Kristy moved to adjourn the meeting. Laurin seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Newberry, Recording Secretary