

Kootenai County
Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Protection District
Policy and Budget Committee

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 13, 2018
4:00 p.m.

451 N. Government Way
Administration Building, Meeting Rooms 1A & 1B, First Floor

Committee Members Present: Leslie Duncan, Mike Galante, BiJay Adams, Mary Vehr, Necia Maiani, Bob Haynes, Kristy Reed Johnson, Laurin Scarcello, Jim Hudson, Michelle Johnson, and Dion Holton.

Also present were Idaho Department of Water Resources Hydrogeologist Daniel Sturgis, Department of Environmental Quality Hydrogeologist Alyssa Gersdorf, North Kootenai Water District Manager Chris de Groot, and Recording Secretary Nancy Jones.

At 4:10 p.m., Committee Chair Leslie Duncan called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Galante led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the May 9, 2018 minutes was made by Bob Haynes and seconded by Kristy Reed Johnson. The vote was taken. The motion carried.

Chairman's Comments and Introductions: Leslie noted that this was Mike Galante's last meeting as a member of the committee and thanked him for his service to the APD.

Business Items:

1. Youth Water Summit Report and PowerPoint

Kristy gave a brief explanation of the process that led to the final Youth Water Summit presentations. KEA Representative Sharon Bosley presented a PowerPoint that further explained details of the Confluence Project and Youth Summit that were held during the 2017-2018 school year. She shared that 168 research projects were completed, including 14 that were directly related to the aquifer. The presentation included information regarding how funding was used in support of the program, the various community partners that provided financial or in-kind support, the project process and timeline, examples of the survey, research, and statistical data related to the participation in and outcomes of the project. The committee members asked follow up questions regarding the program, including clarification on the various funding requests and budget utilization.

2. AgriMet Stations Presentation

AgriMet Program Coordinator Jama Hamel gave a presentation, focusing on where the AgriMet stations are located, how they are utilized, how the AgriMet station program benefits the aquifer, how the data gathered is used, and how APD funding supports those efforts. Laurin shared that staff from the City of Spirit Lake Wastewater site indicated that

the information gained through these stations is beneficial to the City. BiJay also spoke to the benefits that he has seen for agencies utilizing the program. Jama stated that the program is in its 35th year and that, in that time, it has grown from 3 stations to about 300. She has oversight of approximately 130 of those stations.

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

Member comments: Leslie asked for any member comments, but there were none.

Agency comments: Alyssa Gersdorf reminded everyone that the second CDA 5K Summer Series Race Series would be held on August 9th, 16th, and 23rd. Daniel Sturgis shared an update regarding the installation of the new educational well at Hayden Meadows Elementary. He noted that, due to scheduling challenges with the school and with coordinating the driller's schedule (which was out about six to eight months), it was likely that the well would not be completed during the summer.

Leslie requested a recess at 5:54 p.m.

Public Hearing

The meeting was resumed at 6:12 p.m. and the Chair opened the public hearing, which was noticed in accordance with *Idaho Code* §39-507. There was no public comment for, neutral, or against the FY19 Aquifer Protection District budget proposal. Motion to close the public hearing and forward the budget to the BOCC as proposed was made by Mary and seconded by Kristy. The vote was taken. The motion carried.

Adjournment: Laurin made the motion to adjourn. BiJay seconded the motion. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Jones
Recording Secretary