

**Kootenai County
Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Protection District
Policy and Budget Committee**

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday July 15, 2022
4:00 p.m.

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

Committee Members Present: Necia Maiani, Laurin Scarcello, Bob Haynes, Mary Vehr, BiJay Adams, Alyssa Gersdorf, Suzanne Scheidt, Michelle Johnson, Larry Simms

Committee Members Present Via Phone: Dominic Parmantier

Committee Members Excused: Kristy Reed-Johnson

Committee Members Absent:

Also present were: Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Hydrologist Seth Oliver, Panhandle Health District Specialist Jenny Gray, Spokane County Environmental Administrator Rob Lindsay and Recording Secretary Julie Kamps.

A. Call to Order:

Committee Chair Necia Maini called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

B. Introductions / Guest Welcome

C. Approval of Minutes:

N/A

D. Business (Action):

1. Spokane County Critical Areas Ordinance: Presentation by Rob Lindsay, Environmental Services Administrator for Spokane County

Mr. Adams shared why Mr. Lindsay had been invited to speak and how Kootenai County could learn from Spokane County's experience and program. Mr. Lindsay gave his work background as a local geologist. He had brought with him copies of the Spokane County Critical Recharge Areas map. He stated why Spokane County began the program, (part of the WA State Growth Management Act) hurdles they encountered, and how it was currently going. He spoke about areas that the CARA does not apply to, limitations of certain areas, activities allowed in areas, and commercial development. He addressed the challenges of

different types of commercial entities, which build on rural areas because of the water usage.

The CARA was fairly well accepted by the community and had the support of the Commissioners when it began. At one point it was suggested that the CARA could be too restrictive so the impact of the plan was studied. Ultimately, it was kept as is. Other related topics discussed were the difference between Spokane and Kootenai County requirements, as well as parts of Spokane County which are sewerred. They do allow opportunities for appeals, those living on the border of the CARA area are the usual cases. They also have a water education program and water resource center that serves thousands of people.

It was pointed out that Hauser Lake is a more urgent area than having an overall County CARA right now.

2. Special Committees and Assignments Reports

a. Master Plan-Establish Selection Committee and Special Meeting Schedule

Two entities asked for the RFP packet but can't comply with the dates set for the Master Plan. It was discussed whether to extend the deadline for a month. After discussing, 45 days was agreed upon and the schedule was negotiable.

i. Selection Committee presents Ranking/Recommendations to APD Board 8/10

ii. Final Recommendation form APD Board 8/24

iii. Presentation and Approval by BOCC before 9/23

N/A

E. Member Comments (Discussion)

Ms. Vehr had attended the Hayden City Council meeting where moving the Hayden Boat Launch was discussed. It was decided to not move it.

F. Public Comment

None

G. Adjournment (Action)

Mr. Scarcello made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Simms seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:59 pm.

Julie Kamps
Recording Secretary