

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

Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday January 11, 2023  
4:00 p.m.

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

**Committee Members Present:** Bob Haynes, BiJay Adams, Larry Simms, Dominic Parmantier, Necia Maiani, Kristy Reed-Johnson, Michelle Johnson, Mary Vehr, Alyssa Gersdorf, Suzanne Scheidt, Laurin Scarcello

**Committee Members Excused:** BiJay Adams

**Committee Members Absent:**

**Also present were:** Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Hydrologist Seth Oliver, Panhandle Health District Specialist Jenny Gray, Alta representative Kyle Duckett, Idaho Department of Water Resources Representative Dan Sturgis, Greenferry Water & Sewer District Representative Steve Tanner, Kevin Aardahl from Allwest Testing and Recording Secretary Julie Kamps.

**A. Call to Order:**

Committee Chair Necia Maiani called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

**B. Introductions / Guest Welcome**

**C. Approval of Minutes: November 30, 2022**

Mr. Simms made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 30, 2022. Ms. Reed-Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the minutes approved.

**D. Business (Action):**

1. FY2022/2023 Reimbursement Process

Mr. Parmantier went over the plan for funding request reimbursements. He confirmed that receipts could be scanned in and sent to him for processing. The County's process for collecting Aquifer fee late payments was discussed, and it was questioned who would be collecting those fees.

More information is needed to answer that.

## 2. 2023 Board Positions

Mr. Simms made a motion that those in the current APD board positions keep them – Ms. Vehr and Mr. Scarcello both seconded the motion. Vote was taken and passed. Ms. Maini, Mr. Adams, Mr. Parmantier, and Ms. Gersdorf will continue as Board Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary, respectively.

Ms. Maini encouraged all to participate fully in the Aquifer Protection District Advisory Board, and the board members were thanked for their efforts in its behalf.

## 3. 2023 Goals and Committee Assignments

Budget: Mr. Parmantier will lead that committee and Ms. Scheidt and Ms. Maini volunteered to also be on the committee.

Work Program Elements: Mr. Adams (per his email to Ms. Maini earlier today) is willing to be on this committee as well as Ms. Vehr, Ms. M. Johnson and Mr. Haynes.

Public Education: Ms. Reed-Johnson will continue on this committee.

Critical Recharge Areas: Mr. Adams offered to lead this team (again, per email). As well, Ms. Maini, Ms. Gersdorf, Ms. Scheidt, Mr. Scarcello, Ms. Vehr, and Mr. Haynes will be on the committee.

Open Spaces: Ms. Vehr, Ms. Reed-Johnson, Mr. Scarcello and Mr. Simms will participate on this committee. As well, Ms. Vehr will investigate as to whether the Regional Housing & Growth Issues Partnership is still actively involved in this topic.

Master Plan: No lead person is needed at this time. Andy Dunau will come to the next meeting and as for now, all board members are on the committee.

It was suggested that a new subcommittee be created to interface with the cooperating agencies. It was decided to just have a liaison and that person would interact with all three agencies. Mr. Simms offered to do that as well as Ms. Scheidt.

Idaho open meeting law was discussed – pamphlets on the subject will be brought to the next meeting as well as a link to ICRMP's online training being sent out to board members.

Ms. Maini suggested that each committee bring back goals for their respective committees to the next meeting.

#### 4. 2023/24 Solicitation of Funding Requests and Timeline

March 1<sup>st</sup> will be the deadline for funding requests. Mr. Parmantier will reach out to last year's funding recipients with this information.

#### 5. Critical Recharge Areas

Mr. Duckett said that Alta's report is now finalized, and includes board comments. They feel that they achieved a good result. They are willing to help in future recharge areas. This discussion included the definition of what a recharge area is.

Ms. Scheidt believes that the discussion with KC Community Development Director David Callahan went well and topics brought up were positively received. Mr. Adams suggested reaching out to Mr. Callahan to see if they would like Rob Lindsay from Spokane to come over again to speak about their CARA.

#### 6. Master Plan

Andy Dunau has been doing interviews with APD board members and will be at the next meeting to speak to the group.

#### **E. Member Comments (Discussion)**

None.

#### **F. Cooperation Agency Comments (Discussion)**

Dan Sturgis introduced Michelle Richman who is the new regional director at the Idaho Dept. of Water Resources. She talked about a project she's working on and would welcome input regarding municipal water providers applying for new water rights. This is all part of a comprehensive aquifer management plan.

Seth Oliver said that he has a meeting on Jan. 26 with the new aquifer atlas graphic designer. In late Feb or early March, they should have something to show people. The atlas content has not changed drastically, just improved. It should be ready to distribute to

schools no later than August. He also said they recently had a groundwater monthly meeting and septic density was a big topic of discussion.

Ms. Gray said that PHD is pursuing an ordinance/rule with the local cities as part of their Critical Materials Program. On Jan 31 they will present a class to the county realtors on septic rules. They also are having issues with a new database but are working on it to make it more useful to the public.

**F. Public Comment**

None

**G. Adjournment (Action)**

Mr. Simms made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Scarcello seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the meeting adjourned at 5:23 pm.

Julie Kamps  
Recording Secretary