

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

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday January 27, 2021
4:00 p.m.

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

Committee Members Present: Necia Maiani, BiJay Adams, Bob Haynes, Laurin Scarcello, Jessie Camburn, Michelle Johnson, Mary Vehr, Jim Hudson and Alyssa Gersdorf.

Committee Members Excused: Larry Simms and Kristy Johnson were excused

Also present were: Panhandle Health District (PHD) Environmental Health Specialist Jenny Gray, Panhandle Health District (PHD) Environmental Health Section Manager Erik Ketner, Idaho Department Environmental Quality (DEQ) Hydrologist Seth Oliver, Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) Hydrogeologist Daniel Sturgis, Idaho Department Environmental Quality (DEQ) Representative Gary Stevens, Kootenai County Community Development Director David Callahan, BOCC Liaison Nancy Jones and Recording Secretary Chandra Newberry.

A. Call Meeting to Order:

At 4:12 p.m., Committee Chair Necia Maiani called the meeting to order.

B. Approval of Minutes:

Jessie Camburn moved to approve the December 2, 2020 meeting minutes. Alyssa Gersdorf seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report/Expenditure Approval

Nancy Jones explained that there was a payment to University of Idaho for the outdoor classroom. Bob Haynes moved to approve the additional expenditure out of restricted reserves account. Jim Hudson seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed.

C. Chairman's Comments and Introductions:

Necia Maiani introduced Kootenai County Community Development Director David Callahan.

D. Business:

Bayshore Estates Comment Consideration (MSP19-0006)

Mr. Callahan provided a summary of the Bayshore Estates subdivision. A petition is being brought forth to the Board of Environmental Quality by a group opposing the subdivision. Petitioners are requesting that the Board of Environmental Quality direct DEQ to commence a negotiated rulemaking to redefine the Spokane Valley-Rathdrum Prairie

Aquifer boundary to include the Greensferry Water and Sewer District wells and the proposed Bayshore Estates subdivision. The petition is on the Board of Environmental Quality's agenda for their February 11, 2021 meeting.

After discussion from APD members and cooperating agencies, no action was advised by the Board relative to the petition.

PHD gave an update on the status of IDAPA 41.01.01 rules with the House and Senate Committees. There is opposition from House Representatives to accept IDAPA 41.01.01 which includes the 5 acre rule. Through further discussion and suggestions brought forth by APD members and cooperating agencies, Mr. Callahan indicated his willingness to bring forth to the Board of County Commissioners discussion regarding implementation of the 5 acre rule within the County's Zoning conditions. Necia offered to attend a BOCC meeting with Mr. Callahan in support and report back to the group at the next meeting. Board members indicated their support of this next step.

Board Positions and Subcommittee Assignments

Necia asked the Board their thoughts on the Board positions. Bob moved to adopt the present officers we have. Laurin Scarcello seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed. Necia then nominated Alyssa Gersdorf to become the Board secretary. Necia moved to make Alyssa the Board secretary. Bob second the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed.

FY21 Budget & Project Review

Item 3 and 4 were discussed as one item. Nancy Jones explained the budget deadline and some of the projects that will come up as expenditures in 2021. Necia suggested March 5, 2021 as the FY22 Budget deadline for the Aquifer Protection District Board. No updates came up about the Confluence project. The Board will follow up on the well at Hayden Meadows at a later time.

FY22 Funding Request Deadline

Item 3 and 4 were discussed as one item.

Committee Goals, Project and Assignments

The board needs to check in on last year's requests. The Kootenai County Fair Grounds and Hayden Meadows Well Project were assigned to Jessie Camburn. The Confluence Project and the Business Fairs were assigned to Kristy Johnson. DEQ Hydrologist Seth Oliver gave an update on the Aquifer Atlas. The atlas is anticipated to be printed in September of 2021. He will give an update at the next regular meeting. Laurin gave an update on the Soil Conservation/Grower project. He will give an update at a later meeting. BiJay confirmed that he has not heard anything from AgriMet, but he will reach out. The Board gave an overall agreement to get an update from Rand Wichman at the next regular meeting. Necia asked the Board if they would like to stay in the committee that they were previously assigned. There was an overall agreement from the Board.

E. APD Member Comments / Subcommittee Comments:

No APD member comments were made

F. Cooperating Agency Comments:

No cooperating agency comments were made.

G. Adjournment

Bob moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Newberry, Recording Secretary