

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

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday February 10, 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, Kristy Johnson, and Alyssa Gersdorf.

Committee Members Excused: Larry Simms was excused

Also present were: Panhandle Health District (PHD) Environmental Health Specialist Jenny Gray, Panhandle Health District (PHD) Environmental Health Section Manager Erik Ketner, and Recording Secretary Chandra Newberry.

A. Call Meeting to Order:

At 4:01 p.m., Committee Chair Necia Maiani called the meeting to order.

B. Approval of Minutes:

Bob Haynes moved to approve the January 27, 2021 meeting minutes. Jim Hudson seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report/Expenditure Approval

No expenditure was up for approval, but Jim Hudson asked for the expenditures that were paid since the last meeting. Recording Secretary Chandra Newberry explained that the invoices that were paid were for Clearwater Summit Group INC for the University of Idaho outdoor classroom, the Annual Panhandle Health District expenditure, as well as the Annual Spokane River Forum expenditure. She confirmed all were paid out of previously budgeted accounts.

C. Chairman's Comments and Introductions:

Necia Maiani introduced Aquifer Protection District Independent Contractor Rand Wichman.

D. Business:

FY21 Budget & Project Review

a. Rand Wichman Update on Recharge Area Easements

Rand Wichman provided an update on the projects he has been working on. He explained that due to some owners and companies not keeping in contact with him, he had not been able to accomplish all of the tasks he had anticipated. He stated that the project he was most focused on at this time is the Hauser Creek Infiltration project. But, he will keep working to get in touch with the participants and will give an update at a later time. Panhandle Health District said they may have some contacts that could help and will provide Mr. Wichman

with that information. Mr. Wichman informed the Board that his amended contract had been approved and signed by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on February 9, 2021 in their regular Business Meeting.

FY22 Funding Requests

Necia advised the Board that the BOCC website has been updated with the FY22 request form. No requests have come in at this time. Necia asked for updates on FY21 projects. Jessie Camburn advised that he had been in contact with North Idaho Fair Board Chair, Jerry Johnson. The project is anticipated to be completed in 2021. He will give an update at a later time. Jessie also gave an update about the Hayden Meadows project. He explained that he had not had any contact yet, but will give an update at the next regular meeting.

Committee Goal, Projects and Assignments

a. Our Gem-APD Article Status

Necia explained that the article is still with BOCC Liaison Nancy Jones, and that Nancy will give her an update at a later date.

b. 5 Acre Rule- Discussion

Necia recapped the last regular APD meeting. She explained that Kootenai County Community Development Director David Callahan had spoken with BOCC Chairman Fillios. She stated that the potential threat risk is low, but the County is not opposed to discussion. An update will be provided at a later meeting.

Necia asked if the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) or Panhandle Health District (PHD) are able to require a NP study and is it necessary to move the boundary if they can still control the process. Panhandle Health District (PHD) Environmental Health Section Manager Erik Ketner explained that any project that is outside of the aquifer boundary and is greater than 2,500 gallons of water per day is automatically required to have a NP study. Projects smaller than 2,500 gallons per day are not required.

E. APD Member Comments / Subcommittee Comments:

Kristy Johnson stated she was unable to hear an update about the Our Gem APD article. She was advised that Nancy Jones will reach out to Necia with an update at a later time.

F. Cooperating Agency Comments:

No cooperating agency comments were made.

G. Adjournment

Kristy Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting. Bob seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Newberry, Recording Secretary