

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

Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday March 10, 2021  
4:00 p.m.

451 N. Government Way  
Administration Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Room 1A/B/Virtual Meeting

**Committee Members Present:** Necia Maiani, BiJay Adams, Bob Haynes, Laurin Scarcello, Jessie Camburn (Entered at 4:09 pm), Mary Vehr, Larry Simms, Kristy Johnson (Entered at 4:09 pm), Jim Hudson, Michelle Johnson and Alyssa Gersdorf.

**Committee Members Excused:** None

**Also present were:** Panhandle Health District (PHD) Environmental Health Specialist Jenny Gray, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Hydrologist Seth Oliver, Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Communications Manager Nancy Jones (Entered at 4:13 pm), and Recording Secretary Chandra Newberry.

**A. Call Meeting to Order:**

At 4:00 p.m., Committee Chair Necia Maiani called the meeting to order.

**B. Approval of Minutes:**

Larry Simms moved to approve the February 24, 2021 meeting minutes with corrections. Laurin Scarcello seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report/Expenditure Approval**

No items came forward for approval. The Board was informed that the only payment made was for APD Consultant Rand Wichman, but it did not need approval since it was a previously budgeted expense.

**C. Chairman's Comments and Introductions:**

No introductions were made.

**D. Business:**

1. Review of FY22 Funding Requests

The Board discussed Kootenai Environmental Alliance (KEA) as the first budget request. Kristy Johnson expressed her support for the KEA request. There was a general agreement from the Board for support. Kristy stated she would reach out to KEA to have them present to the Board at the next regular APD meeting.

Spokane River Forum was discussed as the second request. There was a general agreement from the Board for support. BiJay stated he would reach out to the Spokane River Forum to have them present to the Board at the April 14, 2021 Regular APD meeting.

Department of Environmental Quality and Panhandle Health District were discussed as the third and fourth requests. Department of Environmental Quality Hydrologist Seth Oliver asked that DEQ and PHD present at the same time. Necia suggested April 28, 2021 for the

DEQ & PHD presentations. Seth and Panhandle Health District Environmental Health Specialist Jenny Gray agreed. Jenny gave an update on the PHD request. She explained that PHD assumes there will be a 4% annual increase, which is lower than what was requested last year, due to staffing changes and reallocations of workload as a result of COVID-19.

## 2. Scheduling of Advisory Board Open Meeting Law Training

Board of County Commissioners Communications Manager Nancy Jones explained the Open Meeting Law training to the Board. Necia suggested holding the training at the March 24, 2021 regular meeting after the KEA presentation. Mary Vehr then suggested cancelling the March 24, 2021 and using that time as the training time. There was a general agreement from the Board. There was Board direction to cancel the March 24, 2021 meeting and have the training at that time instead.

### **E. APD Member Comments / Subcommittee Comments:**

Kristy updated the Board on the upcoming business fairs, and asked for any volunteers.

### **F. Cooperating Agency Comments:**

No discussion was made by DEQ or PHD.

### **G. Adjournment**

Bob Haynes moved to adjourn the meeting. Larry Simms seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chandra Newberry, Recording Secretary