

**Kootenai County
Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Protection District
Master Plan Workshop**

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday March 16, 2022
4:00 p.m.

451 N. Government Way
Administration Building, Meeting Room 1B

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

Committee Members Present Via Phone:

Committee Members Excused: Alyssa Gersdorf

Committee Members Absent:

Also present: Recording Secretary Julie Kamps.

A. Call to Order:

Committee Chair Necia Maiani began the meeting at 4:06 pm.

B. Introductions / Guest Welcome

None

C. Business (Action):

1. Discussion/Creation of Projects

The following points were made during the discussion by board members:

#1 Aquifer Water Quality Protection

- +/- \$500 K/year

Monitoring – testing – education support

- DEQ - \$100K
- PHD – Sewer 5 acre rule, critical materials

Risk Factors

- Sewer
- Critical material
- Refueling depot

- Crude oil

History

Vision/Mission

Future

Budget

- 800K reserve
- 500K annually

Project List:

Measures for Specific Locations

- Hauser: monitoring wells, water quality
- Rathdrum: monitoring wells, water quality

Study Areas

- Hydrogeologist (DEQ/PHD)
 - Ranking of critical materials
 - Evaluation of critical areas
 - Baselines – non-degradation

Education

- Webpage/database/GIS studies
- Surface water
- Signs/drywall markers

Priorities

DEQ/PHD

- What data do we have
- Wish list
- 3rd party contractors

Other

- Promotion
- Targets/outreach/school education
- Open space
- Growth

Other comments made during discussion:

- As it relates to the Master Plan, the board will need to consult legal as they can only make recommendations to the BOCC.
- What is the real objective of the board?
- Is it a good idea to have a mission statement? Perhaps find the old mission statement to use as reference.
- It is important to have a diverse board.
- Share the APD board's purpose with the public via the newspaper, include what they do, past projects they have funded, and current projects.
- Where has APD been, where are they going?
- What is DEQ doing, where does the information from DEQ go, and should the APD share with DEQ what they want to have happen?
- It was suggested that the board focuses on the first item of Rand's list.
- The goal of this workshop is to create a project list.
- Which areas are the biggest risks or priorities?
- \$800,000 reserve was discussed.
- Changes to the website brought up.
- Suggestions included a webpage, database, aquifer signs, drywall signs to remind people where water is going, and pursuing options for an open space policy.
- It was suggested that someone with a "growth" perspective be on the APD board, as growth is inevitable.
- There was a discussion about the APD fee amount changing.

D. Member Comments (Discussion)

None

E. Cooperating Agency Comments (Discussion)

None

F. Public Comment (Discussion)

None

G. Adjournment (Action)

Mr. Scarcello moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Simms seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:28 pm.

Julie Kamps
Recording Secretary