

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

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday April 28, 2021
4:00 p.m.

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

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

Committee Members Excused: Bob Haynes was excused

Also present were: Panhandle Health District (PHD) Environmental Health Specialist Jenny Gray, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Hydrologist Seth Oliver, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Hydrologist Gary Stevens, Kootenai County Community Development Director David Callahan 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:

Due to the incorrect date being on the agenda, the minutes were moved to the next meeting for approval.

C. Treasurer's Report/Expenditure Approval

No items came forward for approval.

D. Chairman's Comments and Introductions:

Necia Maiani commented that Panhandle Health District and Department of Environmental Quality were going to be presenting their budgets. She also introduced Community Development Director David Callahan.

E. Business:

1. Panhandle Health District (PHD) Budget Request Presentation

PHD Environmental Health Specialist Jenny Gray gave a presentation on the proposed budget for the Panhandle Health District. \$282,797 was requested for this fiscal year's budget.

2. Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Budget Request Presentation

DEQ Hydrologist Seth Oliver gave a presentation on the proposed budget for the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. \$96,031 was requested for this fiscal year's budget.

3. 2020 Kootenai County Comprehensive Plan Discussion with Kootenai County Community Development Director David Callahan

David Callahan gave an overview of the Comprehensive Plan. He explained that the Planning Commission condensed and updated the plan from the 2010 version to the 2020 version. David overall asked for the Board's support to coordinate with Community Development on the Comprehensive plan. Several members of the Board all expressed their support.

4. Aquifer Protection Fee

Necia explained that the Aquifer Protection District (APD) is getting more parcel revenue than expected. It was discussed that the Board of County Commissioners may request that the APD reduce the Aquifer Protection Annual Fee, which is currently \$5.74 per parcel. A few years ago, the fee was reduced from \$7.00 to help reduce the growth of the fund balance, per the Board of County Commissioner's request. Mary Vehr and Laurin Scarcello, and Jim Hudson expressed that they would prefer to keep the fee as is. Mary expressed that once the fee goes down, it is very difficult to bring back up later on. Kristy Johnson agreed with Mary, and stated that the fee should stay the same. Necia explained that the next step would be to have a workshop to discuss further. The workshop will be scheduled at a later time.

F. APD Member Comments / Subcommittee Comments:

No member/subcommittee comments

G. Cooperating Agency Comments:

No discussion was made by DEQ or PHD.

H. Public Comment

No discussion for public comment.

I. Adjournment

Laurin Scarcello to adjourn the meeting. Jim Hudson seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Newberry, Recording Secretary