

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

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday September 28, 2022
4:30 p.m.

451 N. Government Way
Administration Building, First Floor, Meeting Rooms 1A/B

Committee Members Present: Necia Maiani, Laurin Scarcello, Mary Vehr, BiJay Adams, Alyssa Gersdorf, Larry Simms

Committee Members Present Via Phone: Michelle Johnson

Committee Members Excused: Kristy Reed-Johnson, Dominic Parmantier, Suzanne Scheidt, Bob Hayes

Committee Members Absent:

Also present was: Recording Secretary Julie Kamps

A. Call to Order:

Committee Chair Necia Maini called the meeting to order at 4:40 pm.

B. Introductions / Guest Welcome

C. Approval of Minutes: : May 25, June 8, July 15 , Sept 14, 2022

Mr. Simms made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 25, June 8, July 15, and September 14, 2022. Mr. Scarcello seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the minutes approved. Ms. Vehr abstained from approving the Sept. 14 minutes as she had not been present at the meeting.

D. Business (Action):

1. Master Plan RFP Submission Reviews & Decision – Dunau Associates and J-U-B Engineering

(Note: Ms. M. Johnson excused herself from Master Plan discussions as she is employed by J-U-B who submitted a proposal.)

Mr. Simms began the discussion by saying that the Dunau proposal wasn't clear on what the final product would be from them. Ms. Vehr felt that the proposal might be implying that previous documentation already existed which Dunau would want to access, which led to a

discussion about that. It was pointed out by more than one person that there was a big disparity in the budgets of the two proposals. Also discussed was what the final product of the Master Plan process would be by whomever was chosen. As both submitters are well-qualified, it seems that more discussion with them is warranted to find out if the costs could/would be changed once more particulars are obtained by the submitting companies. It was pointed out that the original budgets for this were closer to 10,000, then 25,000.

Ms. Scheidt's comments from an earlier email on the topic were read reflecting her choice of Dunau, as she was not able to attend the meeting. Some Board members feel ready to make a choice, but others were not ready at this point, as they would rather have more time and/or interview the applicants. Mr. Adams mentioned needing a CAFR.

A comment was made that although J-U-B would do a great job with the Master Plan, getting them to scale back might be difficult, and bottom line is, that the content of the Plan is the most important thing.

A motion was made by Mr. Simms, after due consideration, to recommend a selection for a Master Plan facilitator, subject to negotiations and Commissioner approval - also moving forward with following up with Dunau and their proposal, which was seconded by Ms. Gersdorf. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

2. November 30 Special Meeting (this topic was moved up in the meeting and discussed first.)

Ms. Maini was contacted by the Greenferry Water District who is concerned with developments near them not complying with the 5-acre rule and concerns about the Aquifer boundary issue. Board President Steve Tanner would like to speak to the APD Board about this topic and proposed to attend a meeting near the end of November, with the 30th as a possible date. It was suggested that someone from the Kootenai County Community Development department, IDWR, PHD and DEQ also attend the meeting. The APD board will confirm that meeting and date.

3. Subcommittees Discussions/Assignments

a. Recharge Areas

Mr. Adams and Ms. Maini have been in communication with Alta, who would like to present to the APD board. Ms. Nimmer is available the second week of November. Other dates for them to attend and APD board meeting were discussed. When the board was asked who would like to be on the Recharge subcommittee, Mr. Scarcello offered to be a part of it.

b. PHD Rules Status

The board was asked if someone could reach out to PHD to find out where things stand and report back. It was mentioned that they are trying to piece things together at this point. A suggestion was made that someone could ask Erik Ketner for a status update. Information on this would be helpful going forward this fall into other meetings.

Alta would also like an update from the County; so either Commissioner Duncan or Community Development Director David Callahan could attend a meeting.

c. Kootenai County 5-Acre Rule and Aquifer Boundary

E. Member Comments (Discussion)

Mr. Scarcello suggested a meeting members of the board could attend if interested: NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service) where among other topics they will discuss open space, soil and water in November. Information on the meeting will be passed onto all.

F. Public Comment

None

G. Adjournment (Action)

Mr. Simms made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Vehr seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Julie Kamps
Recording Secretary