

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

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday Oct. 19, 2022
4:00 p.m.

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

Committee Members Present: Bob Hayes, Laurin Scarcello, BiJay Adams, Alyssa Gersdorf, Larry Simms, Suzanne Scheidt, Kristy Reed-Johnson

Committee Members Present Via Zoom: Dominic Parmantier

Committee Members Excused: Necia Maini, Michelle Johnson, Mary Vehr

Committee Members Absent:

Also present were: County Commissioner Leslie Duncan, Community Development Director David Callahan, PHD Environmental Health Section Manager Erik Ketner, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Hydrologist Seth Oliver, Panhandle Health District Specialist Jenny Gray, Alta representatives Robin Nimmer and Kyle Duckett, Spokane River Forum representative Andy Dunau, and Recording Secretary Julie Kamps.

A. Call to Order:

Committee Vice Chair BiJay Adams called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.

B. Introductions / Guest Welcome

C. Approval of Minutes: October 19, 2022

Mr. Simms made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 19, 2022. Mr. Scarcello seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the minutes approved.

D. Business (Action):

1. Alta – Hauser Creek Presentation

Alta representative Kyle Duckett began with an overview of Alta's work up to this point. Using maps, he described the topography of the Aquifer Recharge Area. He shared how the contaminants move down into the aquifer and the different rates of migration. They wanted to find out if the numerical model matched the conceptual model.

Initially they designed a survey but realized that 45-68 landowners would need to give permission for the individual parcels to be examined. It was decided that this way would not be successful so they switched to aerial imagery. Kootenai County imagery turned out to be the best choice and Kootenai County GIS Manager David Christianson assisted Mr. Duckett in researching which images were best to show past flooding. Mr. Duckett highlighted shapes, flood areas, size of wetlands and creeks. He also mentioned that it appears that development in that area is moving into the flood plain area. Mr. Duckett brought with him hard copies of maps to show where flooding has occurred in the past.

Alta will provide a memo to the APD summarizing this information.

2. Kootenai County and PHD 5-acre Rule and Critical Materials Program

Mr. Callahan, Kootenai County Community Development Director, began by pointing out the fact that the Board of County Commissioners unanimously voted on the subsurface sewage disposal ordinance, putting into effect what PHD has been stating since 1979. He can now enforce the rule with the aid of a county attorney. He also said that ID HB316 clarified that now the county is in the driver's seat instead of PHD on rulings. Mr. Ketner stated that PHD's message is still the same as before and to the public's view, nothing has changed. Permitting is still seamless and the 1979 boundaries remain the same. The funding changes with HB316 has caused PHD to have to go to the county for their funding.

Mr. Callahan left the meeting at 4:45 pm.

3. Andy Dunau-Master Plan Contract Presentation

Mr. Dunau began by going over the pieces of the process, and said that he starts as if he knows nothing as to not bias the plan. He requested a "data dump" and would like 5 years of data to paint a picture as to why the Aquifer Protection District was formed. Ms. Reed-Johnson stated that she has most all of the original documents and the county has the rest.

Mr. Dunau would like to work with a 4-5 person subcommittee from the APD board. He wants to confirm that everyone is on the same page. They can start by writing out questions; a timeline will be needed also. The current scope is to wrap up by May of 2023. The budget as was stated before should be fine, but he will know more down the road.

Mr. Adams asked if the cost included the actual writing of the Master Plan, and what will the end product be? Mr. Dunau confirmed there would be several reports along the way, and they will ultimately be combined into a final report. A contract will be the next step, and if the

board is ready, the APD can proceed with a contract with Mr. Dunau. It was suggested that the county could begin with a boilerplate contract and add scope to that. Board chair and vice-chair will move forward with the contract.

Mr. Simms made a motion to move forward on a Master Plan contract with Dunau Associates. Ms. Reed-Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

E. Member Comments (Discussion)

Ms. Reed-Johnson said the Human Rights Education Institute (HREI) asked the APD to sponsor a trunk-or-treat vehicle on Halloween. She has a plan on how to design her car in an APD/Halloween theme. She will hand out candy at this event as part of the Education Outreach Committee.

It was mentioned that Gary Stevens/DEQ felt that somewhere around the first or second week of November would be a good time for the Board to meet with him to go over the details of the Greenferry Water & Sewer District issue before the meeting on Nov. 30.

F. Cooperation Agency Comments (Discussion)

None

F. Public Comment

None

G. Adjournment (Action)

Mr. Simms made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Scheidt seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:13 pm.

Julie Kamps
Recording Secretary