

**Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Protection District**  
**Policy & Budget Committee**  
Meeting Minutes  
February 20, 2013  
4:30 p.m.

**Present were:** Paul Klatt, Jim Markley, Ron Johnson, Allen Isaacson, Tom Depew and Recording Secretary Lori Cogley. Rob Turnipseed was excused. Bert Rorhbach, Kristy Reed Johnson, Kerri Thoreson and Loren Scarcello were absent.

Also present were: Al Beardsley (IDWR), Gary Stevens (IDEQ), Dale Peck (PHD), Ruth Johnson, and Commissioner Todd Tondee.

At 4:44 p.m. Chairman Paul Klatt called the meeting to order.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Paul asked that Tom lead the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Jim moved that the minutes from the January 29, 2013 meeting be approved as written. Allen seconded the motion. The roll was called. The motion carried.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** The Chairman introduced those members and others who were not present at the last meeting.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** There were none.

**CHAIRMAN COMMENTS:** County Finance Director Dave McDowell will provide a copy of the budget update for the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Paul asked for input regarding the subcommittee representation. Jim will serve as co-chair on the Budget Committee, along with Ron and Loren. Bert will chair the Work Elements Committee along with Rob and Allen. Kristy will chair the Public Outreach Committee along with Kerrie and Tom.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. *Subcommittee Updates:* There were none.
2. *Updates from IDEQ and IDWR:* Paul asked Gary for an update regarding IDEQ and FY2014. Gary mentioned two projects regarding ground water sampling. The first project is the aquifer phosphorus sampling at the wells that PHD samples three times a year and is 95% complete. They have attained great information and it will be completed in approximately one week. The more detailed water sampling on the Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer is also complete and they have collected a lot of data which is now being checked and collated. Gary sampled 28 wells that are spread out across the aquifer. Gary will give a final report of the past two years to the group in May or so. Gary will provide a breakdown of the actual costs (labs, etc.) per Jim's request. DEQ may have funding for portable well sampling pump apparatus.

Al from IDWR spoke of the Farragut well, two on the Centennial Trail and the school well that is to be completed in the coming months. Al also has 28 wells over the aquifer. He evaluates the temperature and water levels and studies quantity not quality, as does DEQ. There is a lot of coordination of activities and it is a great process. Al also mentioned that APD has approved four transducers.

APD has purchased one at this time. This well is north of Silverwood and was recently vandalized but he was able to repair it. Three are two more to come: Woodland Middle School and Hawk's Nest.

Dale Peck from PHD mentioned that they will provide an update on billing at the meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup>. The groundwater data is now on the PHD website and searchable. Data can be downloaded back to 1975. He will also provide a storm water report at that time.

**MEMBER COMMENTS:** Paul spoke of the Spokane River Forum in March and said if you plan on attending, to please let him know. Kristy will be providing materials. Let Paul know if there is any information you would like to be brought to the Forum. There are still many of the atlases left but Paul will clarify with Bert and Kristy if those purchased from Spokane County were picked up and where they are located. Dale mentioned that Dick with PHD will present information regarding the critical materials program at the Spokane River Forum.

Paul mentioned that he recently spoke with Roger Saterfiel, Solid Waste Director, and others regarding glass recycling. Removing it from the waste stream was disallowed due to concerns with storing it in open, unlined pits at the transfer station pending processing for landfill cover or other kinds of fill due to the glues that may leach to the aquifer. Commissioner Tondee said there is no market for it but there is a gentleman in the area that does recycle glass.

Jim asked whether APD could be on the County's website for information. Commissioner Tondee stated that currently the county is updating their website to make it more user-friendly. He mentioned that Jim could possibly contact Information Systems Director James Martin for further information.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm in the Commissioner's boardroom.

At 5:45 p.m. Tom moved that the Board adjourn. Ron seconded the motion. The roll was called. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lori Cogley*

Recording Secretary