

**Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Protection District
Policy & Budget Committee**

Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2013

4:30 p.m.

Present were: Paul Klatt, Jim Markley, Ron Johnson, Allen Isaacson, Tom Depew, Rob Turnipseed, Bert Rohrbach, Kristy Reed Johnson, Loren Scarcello and recording secretary Lori Cogley. Kerri Thoreson was absent.

Also present were: Al Beardsley (IDWR), Gary Stevens (IDEQ), Dale Peck (PHD), Helen Johnson, Giovanni Del Papa (IDWR), Kim Harrington (City of Cd'A) and Commissioner Todd Tondee.

At 4:35 p.m. Vice-Chairman Bert Rohrbach called the meeting to order.

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

Chairman Klatt joined the meeting at 4:38 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Tom moved that the minutes from the March 20, 2013 meeting and Public Hearing be approved as written. Kristy seconded the motion. The roll was called. The motion carried.

INTRODUCTIONS: Giovanni Del Papa and Kim Harrington were introduced.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were none.

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. *Kim Harrington – City of Cd'A:* Kim presented information and pricing for various types of steel storm drain discs/markers. Permanent discs have a 30-year life expectancy, other kinds may last only 5-10 years. Kim is proposing the stainless steel discs for downtown as this area has a greater amount of pedestrian traffic. If 100 are purchased, the cost would be \$3.95 each. The cost per disc drops about \$1.00 each if ordering 500 or more. The discs can also be customized and there is a one-time dye charge of \$375.00. Kim stated that there are approximately 78 discs that need to be put into place in the higher foot-traffic area. It was agreed that it would be nice to pull all the resources and manpower together to get this project completed. Kristy feels that better education and outreach needs to happen and she likes the permanent metal labels to help raise awareness. Paul noted that Post Falls has also requested 100 discs. Paul asked Kim of the timeframe to complete this project and she stated this summer. Paul questioned whether the drywell sites are recorded through a GPS tracking system. Kim said that the City of Coeur d'Alene has about 350 drywells located with GPS. Dale Peck with Panhandle Health said that PHD has about 9,700 identified with latitude and longitude and each year they give a GPS tracking system update to IDWR. Commissioner Tondee mentioned that possibly the County's GIS department could work with the APD to map and track the drywells. He questioned how the discs would be tied in directly with the Aquifer Protection District. Kristy stated that she will pursue this through the Education and Outreach subcommittee. Bert asked how the effectiveness of the discs is measured and Kim stated it's measured by it not going into the storm sewer.

Kim would also like to possibly put “Aquifer Friendly” businesses on the website to help promote good work and compliance. If approved by the APD, the request could be a part of the Envirostar program similar to what Spokane County is promoting. It was generally thought that Kootenai County can promote similar efforts through the APD and PHD’s Critical Materials Program without the expense and bureaucracy of Envirostar.

While Gary Stevens with IDEQ was getting set up for his power point presentation, Paul asked the members for input regarding the budget requests provided to them at the March 20th Public Hearing. Paul spoke of the request from the University of Idaho. Allen feels that the APD should table this request in order to find out what the CAMP will do. Allen motioned to table this discussion to see what the CAMP will do. Jim seconded the motion. The roll was called. The motion was carried. Further discussion ensued stating that the request needs to be more compelling. The members were not comfortable with dedicating the full \$60,000.00.

2. Gary Stevens – IDEQ: Gary presented slides of the phosphorus sampling that the APD funded over the past three years. There were approximately 27 wells sampled in June and September of 2011 and also June and September of 2012. There appears to be definite seasonal and spatial variation in the aquifer with concentration ranging from less than 2 parts per billion (ug/L) to over 60 ug/L. Total phosphorous and orthophosphate results were very similar, as expected. Gary recommends planning to repeat this sampling every five years in a more select group of wells to verify trending. The full results will be given to the APD in a report available next month along with laboratory results from the separate volatile and semi-volatile organic and inorganic compounds sampling.

While well owners have generally been great to work with in these studies, Gary said that it has pointed out the advantage of having a network of dedicated monitoring wells for this type of work. As those wells are constructed over time, we will need to decide how to best obtain samples from them. There are different sampling requirements including depth and the pump rate (purge volumes). Gary stated there are many types of pumps; the approximate cost of a pump ranges anywhere from \$8,500.00 to \$16,000.00 depending on the size, frame, generator, etc. Gary stated that this is informational only and he is not requesting any money at this time. Sharing the costs with other agencies would be key. Bert asked if they are pumping into a bucket and Gary stated yes and that they have a good relationship with IWAC and the purveyors should have input.

3. Potential Action Items from the Public Hearing: In regards to Jama Hamel’s request regarding the Bureau of Reclamation – Agrimet. Paul did not hear a formal request from her. Bert stated he recently spoke with her and she is looking into some co-funding. She has one station and would possibly get a second station. The reduced cost is approximately \$6,000.00 each. Jama has not made a formal written request to the APD but is expected to do so soon.

OLD BUSINESS: Paul mentioned the other item from the Public Hearing budget request from Panhandle Health District from the regular meeting on March 20, 2013 and asked the members for their input. The request is to eliminate the biennial fee of \$225.00 as well as the plan review fees. Typically the APD will meet for several meetings to discuss their request. PHD outlined their request at the previous meeting with the amount being \$408,100 which is \$23,400 higher than last year (increase of 6%). Cost of living issues and also the elimination of the fees for the critical materials program caused the increase. Dale stated that the cost of the program has not changed. Jim may possibly request a detailed budget report from Dale. Dale is happy to provide any information necessary.

MEMBER COMMENTS: Bert spoke of last year's Work Elements budget. PHD is self explanatory; the phosphorus monitoring program and water quality projects are completed from DEQ and there is no additional proposal. IDWR's work still to be completed but no additional funding is needed. Bert spoke of the GIS for Stormwater – Kristy will put it under the Education and Outreach section. Bert also mentioned that they need to confirm with the County regarding the cost to maintain the APD website. Paul spoke of the budgeted amount of \$25,000.00 for administrative fees. Lori to confirm this amount; Kristy will confirm the GIS cost with the County. Bert mentioned the relationship with the Kootenai-Shoshone Soil & Water Conservation District. He recommends that we continue if possible to budget approximately \$1,200.00 to them.

Allen spoke of the issue of the spill near Silverwood and how it was handled. He felt it took a long time to resolve the issue. Dale and his staff would have taken action if they felt the spill was large but they made a judgment call. Paul feels that the owner of the property, ITD, should have dealt with the situation differently.

Kristy spoke of the importance of having a point of contact at the County level in order to assist the APD as they are extremely busy and items need to be handled. Her hope is to have a part time person budgeted for the budget year of FY15. She feels that this is imperative as there is so much going on.

Paul spoke of the recent Spokane River forum and mentioned there was a diverse representation of those who attended and a great deal of information. Several members of the APD were present. Helen said that some of the presentations were very informative and Paul did a great job. Gary suggested to Andy to possibly have the forum in Idaho. Allen felt that the Stormwater discussion was great. Tom mentioned that the Inland Empire Paper discussion was also very detailed. Paul thought that the APD should continue with the \$3,000.00 budgeted annually to the Spokane River Forum. Bert also feels that the APD should continue to support the Spokane River Forum.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, April 17th at 4:30pm in the Commissioner's boardroom.

At 6:53 p.m. Tom moved that the Board adjourn the meeting. Allen seconded the motion. The roll was called. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Cogley

Recording Secretary